



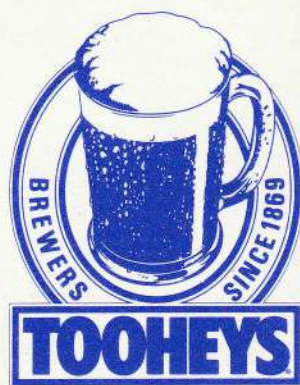
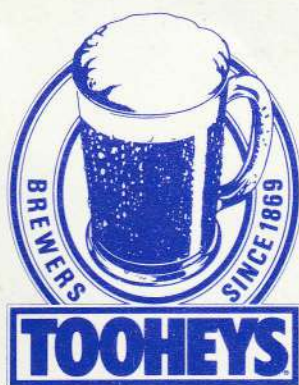
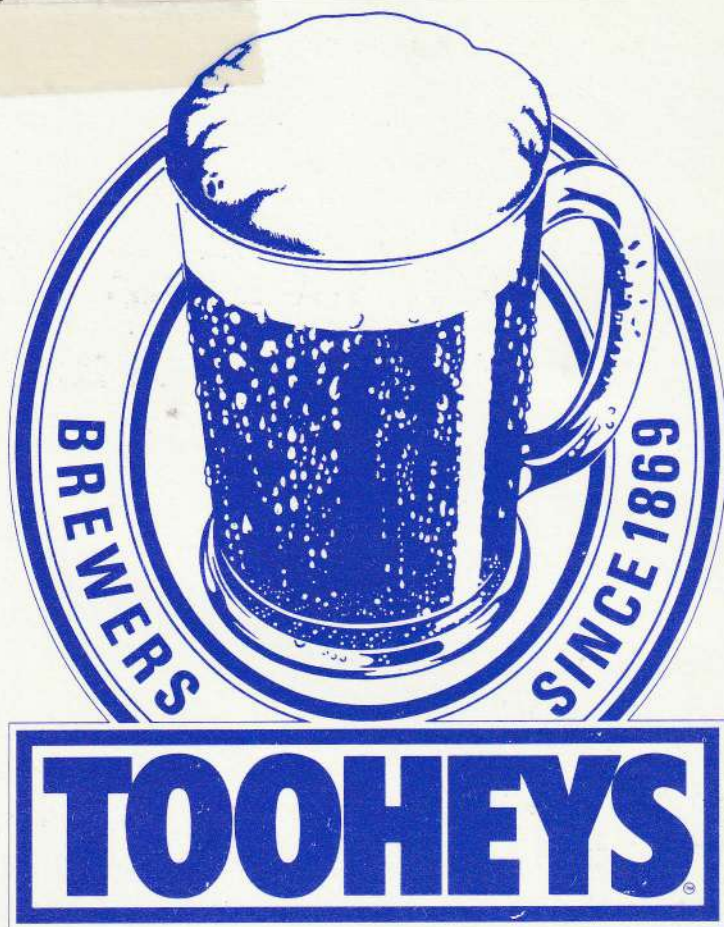
HISTORY OF

WEST WALLSEND BLUEBELLS

SOCCER CLUB

1891 - 1991

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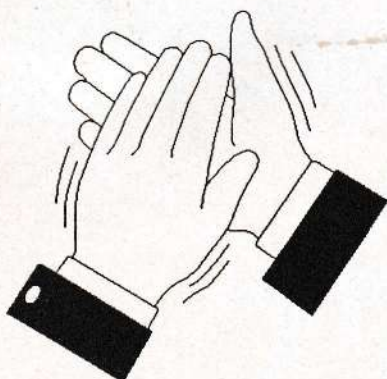


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To achieve a century in sport or business is a marvellous effort. Such an achievement can only come about by complete co-operation. By this I mean players, committees - both ladies and gents - and supporters all pulling together.

The Club has always been able to blend the co-operation of all of the above into one and their effort and spirit has kept the Club going even in difficult times, of which there have been many.

Young players have always been encouraged to do their best and this method has certainly paid off.

Good officials along with good Committees are essential and it would be unfair to mention any particular person or persons as there have been so many wonderful people over the years.

Then there are the ladies who work so very hard to help with the finances of the Club. Their work has always been of great value. Once again there would be too many to mention.

The "Bluebells" thank all the wonderful people who have assisted over the past 100 years - may it continue for all the years to come.

To Jennifer

I would like to say a big "thank you" to my daughter Jennifer Brown who assisted me with the compiling of these records. Her dedication to the typing, photocopying, etc., in no small way, helped make this possible.

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FOREWORD

I have compiled a record of West Wallsend Bluebells Soccer Club dating from 1891 to 1990 consisting of performances, main players, goal scoring, representative honours and Club highlights of officials and happenings. As these records cover a large field of events no doubt there could be some mistakes included. If this should be the case I apologise to those affected by the errors.

Most of the information was supplied by Harry Hetherington's register of the Northern Soccer Federation for which I thank him.

As a Life Member of the Club which I served from 1945 to 1980 I also was able to assist in compiling these records. Unfortunately, I was too young to have seen the famous Bluebells team in the days of the Gardiner Cup successes as well as many other victories they had in the 1920s. It must have been great.

I did however have the advantage of being able to receive details of these wonderful performances from my father who was an official at that time.

The late Alec Hodge was also an official in that area. He was a Life Member of the Bluebells and many a talk I had with him also in regard to this period.

Clarrie Coutts Snr was another who was ever so interesting to listen to about happenings on and off the field.

No doubt when you see what successes were achieved in this period you will agree that it was the Bluebells best ever performances and still stands as the Clubs most outstanding achievements.

Taking events from 1945 no doubt winning the State cup in 45 was a great moment for the defeated team was the mighty Metters. While it was a team effort, the scoring of 2 goals by George Bush must have been the outstanding performance. In not defending the Cup as explained in the records did show as to the principle of the Club. In fact the Club was 100% correct in demanding a replay on their own ground.

In 1947 a Minmi boy by the name of Jock Hodge played his first game for the Blues. He went on and played for Australia. Another local Junior in Dave Cowie also joined the Club and he went on to play for NSW.

Season 1948 saw a change in goalkeepers - Charlie Baker replaced by Dave Bone who must be regarded as one of the best keepers produced in the North as he represented at all levels - Northern, NSW and Australia. Colin Johnston, father of Craig, joined the Club as a Junior and quickly showed his worth playing for the North and NSW in his first year.

1949s outstanding effort was the scoring of 37 goals by Teddy Baldwin at centre forward. Also Westy reverted to the third back game, the last team in the North to do so.

1950 saw the loss of Jock Hodge and Colin Johnston to the Sydney Club Auburn - a big loss to the Club.

1951 George Penman was leading goalscorer with 25 goals - over the years he was an outstanding scorer of goals. Kevin (Midget) Lake was selected as a right winger for Australia. Player R (Blue) Blackie made his first appearance but unfortunately this player's career came to a very sad end due to an Army accident that claimed his life.

1952 Charlie Atkinson, a local Junior, played his first season which was to become a long and successful career for himself and the Club.

1953 produced another two outstanding juniors in Keith Grant and Jack Foster, both played for the North, NSW and Australia. Keith was also considered unlucky not to be selected in the Australian Olympic Squad. Tony Underwood a tough defender, was selected for NSW.

1957 Frank Brown and Bill Collins from Wallsend joined the Club. Frank scored 20 goals as leading scorer. Bill scored 18 goals for the season. Ron (Dukie) Cooper along with Arthur Wilson, begun outstanding service to the Club.

1959 saw Tom Coates, son of the famous Tom Coates, join the Club coming from the Navy. He scored 24 goals in his first season. Jim (Murphy) Sneddon retired, a player who gave his all particularly as an attacking centre half and must have been considered unfortunate not to gain more representative honours.

1962 Ken Kaiser, now a top coach, was the leading goal scorer - 18 goals. Ray Parkes joined the Club as a goalkeeper - he will always be remembered not only as a good keeper but the way he kept on the 18 yard line. His reading of the game however prevented many mishaps by over the head goals. David Ahrens a promising Junior signed for the Club.

1964 Tom Yeates and Kevin Woods travelled from Sydney each week to play with the Blues. Tom was a great help to the Juniors with his encouragement and ability.

1965 David Ahrens was selected for Northern NSW against Chelsea.

1971 Ken Whitmore was the leading goal scorer on 13 goals.

1972 saw three brothers picked in first grade - Robbie, John and Ken Kaiser. This I feel was a first for the Bluebells.

1973 saw another outstanding Westy Junior in John Sneddon achieving representative honours playing against Hitachi Japan.

1974 Ken James, grandson of Wagga James, made his first representative appearance for Northern NSW against Auckland at Macquarie Field.

1975 after reaching the final, Adamstown defeated them 2 - 1. John Sneddon represented Northern NSW against Middlesborough.

1977 Steve Coutts and John Sneddon selected to tour New Zealand for Northern NSW. Steve is the grandson of the famous Clarrie Coutts.

1980 saw John Sneddon join KB United. Once again on reaching the final Westy was defeated by Hamilton Azzurri. However, Kevin Atkinson did score the winning goal for the Reserve Grade to win the Grandfinal.

1981 Hamilton Azzurri did it again beating Westy 2 - 1 in the final. The Under 19s however were Premiers as well as Grandfinal winners.

1982 after winning the final, Westy was defeated 2 nil by Weston in the Grandfinal.

1984 was one of the Blue's outstanding achievements in winning the Club Championship. Great effort on behalf of all the players.

1985 saw the Club win its first grandfinal since 1922.

1986 - two outstanding efforts by winning the premiership and once again Club Championship.

1987 a disappointing season.

1988 - Players Dave Wilson, Mike Devon, Brett Porter left the Club to join Newcastle Australs. John Russell, a very promising goalkeeper joined the Club. John represented Australia in the Under 16s. The Club was Club Champion again. Paul Waddingham, a Queenslander, joined the Club.

1989 - M Ansell and P Waddingham selected to represent Northern New South Wales to tour Solomon Islands. Dave Wilson returned to the Club.

1990 - Was a successful but disappointing season, finishing second to Adamstown in the premiership for the third time in the last four years. John Russell's saving of a penalty kick in the final against Weston thus keeping the team in with a chance, was an outstanding effort. Unfortunately, Weston went on to win 2 goals to nil. The Club was once again Club Champion making it four times in the last six years. A wonderful effort by all concerned.

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BLUEBELLS HEADQUARTERS (WEMBLEY)

Wembley is situated down from Wilson Street, West Wallsend almost opposite the Museum Hotel.

The name of Johnson's park as far as I can gather came from the name of the Hotel which was Johnson's Hotel (now Museum).

The Bluebells have played all their football at this ground which makes it 100 years old as well as the Club.

Caledonian Coal Company was the original owner of the ground which was part of the West Wallsend coal mine complex. It was understood that the football club had a 99 year lease on the ground but to my knowledge nobody could find or had seen such a document.

With no security as a tenant paying no rent, and with the buildings and fences all collapsing, in the early 60s it was decided by the Club to try and purchase the ground from Caledonian. At the time Mr Jimmy Curran was the Secretary of the Club as well as Secretary of the ALP and Mr Jim Simpson MLA was the Minister of Mines in Government. Because of the good work by both of these men and the Joint Coal Board who supplied the money, the ground was purchased for £350.00.

As owners it then became a difficult proposition to maintain. A new fence had to be erected as cattle were destroying the ground. Members of the Club worked hard to perform this deed with money once again from the Coal Board and guidance from Ike Claphan, carpenter.

Then there was the lighting and once again good work was done to secure poles, with Paul Walker in charge of lights and wiring. The Supporters Club supplied most of the money, and the Club supplied the labour.

Buildings such as the dressing shed, toilets, shop etc. were all becoming problems due to age. Several approaches over the years were made to the Minister of Sports, Ken Booth MLA for assistance to re-build these facilities. As owners it was pointed out by Ken, that the Club would have to find 50% of the money which at the time was impossible to achieve.

Without this help the buildings deteriorated and expenses such as land and water rates became a real problem.

It was decided to call a meeting of the Club down at the ground on a Sunday morning between the President of Lake Macquarie Shire, Mr Pasterfield, Ken Booth MLA and committee members in regards to handing the ground over to the Council. The result was that a \$64,000 recreation shed was built and opened on 21 April, 1981.

On handing over the ground to Mr Caldwell (Shire Town Planner) it was made clear to him that at all times the ground must remain a "soccer ground" not for 100 years but for ever as home of the Bluebells.

OUTSTANDING CLUB PERFORMANCES

To all those players who have had the honour of being selected in representative games and in particular those who have worn the Green & Gold of Australia we say "well done". Records show the names of these players.

Other honours that come to mind are Ron (Dukie) Cooper winning the Sydney Morning Herald best and fairest player in 1963. This was conducted on each game with a player receiving 3, 2 or 1 point for the best player judged by a representative of the Sydney Herald.

John Sneddon winning two trips in a best and fairest competition conducted by NBN 3 and Newcastle Sun. One was to Norfolk Island and the other was to England.

In 1952 against Weston at Johnson Ground, 1st Division Dave Cowie did something that I have not seen another player do in any game anywhere - playing inside forward he was passed the ball from the kick off and he must have beat 4 players before he beat the goalkeeper to score with no other player touching the ball - great effort.

George Bush scored 2 goals in the 1945 State Cup final against Metters - ensuring the Club success 2 - 1.

John Russell was selected in the Australian Under 16 squad that played overseas in the World Cup series.

Teddy Baldwin scored 37 goals in one season 1949.

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DAVE BONE
LES BROWN
CLARRIE COUTTS
FRANK COOLAHAN
BILL COOLAHAN
JACK FORSTER
KEITH GRANT
FRANK HAYS
J HODGE
CHARLIE JAMES
K LAKE
HENRY MAUNDER
PODGE MAUNDER
D I McLAUGHLIN
HARRY MUIR
DICK SNEDDON
W SMITH
HAROLD WHITELAW

HONOURS - GARDINER CUP

1900 - West Wallsend (3) V Pyrmont Volunteers (3)

Replay - West Wallsend (4) Pyrmont Volunteers (1)

WW Team - M Burrell, Muir, F Leckie, Maunder, R Harden, W Teasdale, J Curran, R Howie, C Swan, R Leckie, J Robertson.

1901 - West Wallsend (4) V Balgownie (1)

WW Team - Palmer, Muir, F Leckie, R Harden, W Teasdale, Maunder, J Curran (1), R Howie (2), C Swan (1), R Leckie, J Robertson.

1902 - West Wallsend (1) V Pyrmont Rangers (3)
Runner Up

1915 - West Wallsend (0) V Balmain (2)
Runner Up

1919 - West Wallsend (1) V Balmain Fernleigh (3)
Runner Up

1921 - West Wallsend (3) V Granville (1)

WW Team - J Coutts, H Maunder, H James, C Coutts, R Sneddon, W Smith, T Coates, A Phillips, W Maunder, T Sinclair, D McLaughlin.

1922 - West Wallsend (0) V Granville (1)
Runner Up

1923 - West Wallsend (1) V Sydney (0)
After 3 draws

WW Team - J Coutts, H James, H Maunder, F Coolahan, W Smith, T Coates, G Ross, W Maunder, T Sinclair, C Coutts, D McLaughlin.

1924 - West Wallsend (3) V Woonona Bulli (0)

WW Team - J Coutts, H James, H Maunder, F Coolahan, C Coutts, F Hays, H Muir, L Brown, W Maunder, W Erickson, D McLaughlin.

1926 - West Wallsend (2) V Adamstown (1)

WW Team - J Coutts, H Muir, H Maunder, F Coolahan, C Coutts, E Richardson, L Brown, C James, G Ross, D Kaiser, S Masters.

1928 - THE SERIES ENDED



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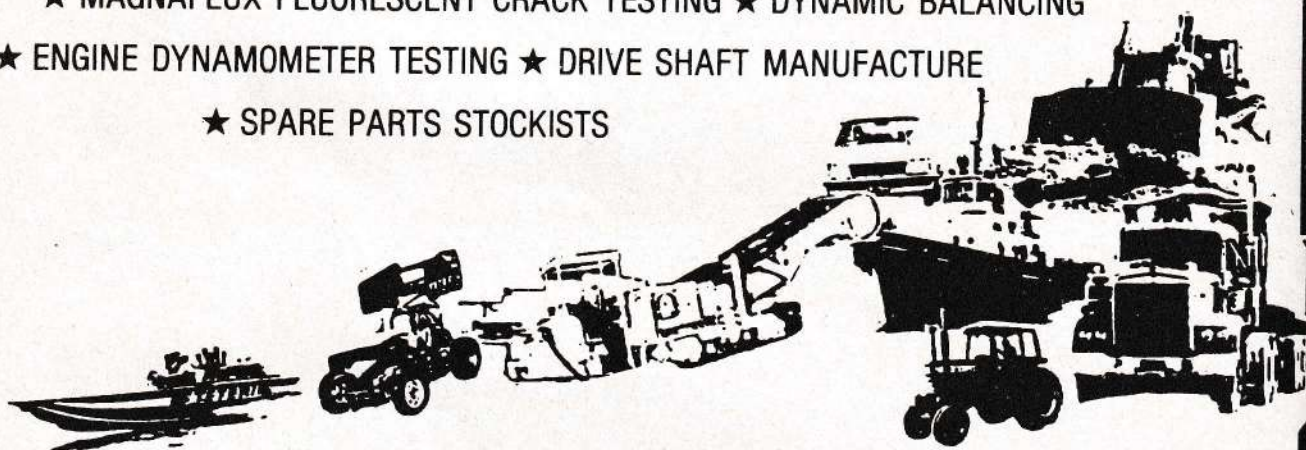
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- 1918 Final - West Wallsend 4 v Wallsend 0
- 1919 Final - West Wallsend 1 v Balmain Fernleigh 1
- Replay - Westy won 3 - 0
- Team - W McKenzie, W Lee, W James, C Coutts, Dick Sneddon, McKay, W Smith, D Kaiser, T Coates, T Sinclair, D McLaughlin. Tom Coates scored 3 goals
- 1920 Final - West Wallsend 1 v Wallsend 0
- 1922 Final - West Wallsend 5 v Weston 1
- 1923 Final - West Wallsend 3 v Adamstown 1
- 1926 Final - Adamstown 5 v West Wallsend 0
- 1927 Final - After 3 all with Cessnock, West Wallsend won on a forfeit

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Hughie Whitelaw
 Peter Pont
 Johnnie Barr
 Ray McKenzie
 Ian Thompson
 Ken Kaiser
 Gordon Conway

WEST WALLSEND PLAYERS WHO REPRESENTED IN ANNUAL NORTH V SOUTH GAME

1928 C Coutts
 1931 H Muir (2)
 1932 H Muir
 1932 C Coutts
 1932 B Coolahan
 1932 C James
 1933 B Coolahan
 1933 C James
 1933 R Braye
 1934 B Coolahan
 1934 J Bully Hughes
 1936 C James
 1943 George Burrows
 1943 J (Toos) Thornton (2)
 1943 A Kelly
 1944 R Robinson
 1944 J (Toos) Thornton
 1944 J Pepperal
 1945 C Baker
 1945 A Pugh
 1945 J Pepperal

1946 G Penman
 1946 G Robinson
 1947 G Penman (2)
 1948 W Convery (2)
 1948 J Hodge (2)
 1949 J Hodge
 1950 D Bone (2)
 1950 G Robinson
 1952 D Bone
 1952 D Cowie
 1953 D Cowie
 1954 D Bone
 1955 D Bone
 1955 R Atkinson
 1955 T Underwood
 1955 W James
 1955 K Grant
 1956 D Bone
 1956 D Cowie
 1957 R Sangster
 1959 K Grant
 1959 J Foster
 1959 T Coates
 1959 R (Dukie) Cooper

HONOURS - PREMIERSHIP 1886 - 1986

1898	West Wallsend
1899	West Wallsend (undefeated)
1901	West Wallsend
1902	West Wallsend
1904	West Wallsend
1913	West Wallsend
1919	West Wallsend
1920	West Wallsend
1921	West Wallsend
1922	Runner-Up - play off Wallsend
1925	West Wallsend (undefeated)
1926	West Wallsend
1946	Divisional Premiers Northern Play off, defeated by Leichardt Annandale 2 - 1 WW Team - C Baker, G Robinson, A Pugh, T Bowie, J Shaw, B Hancock, R Robertson, G Bush, G Penman, R Fenwick, Harold Whitelaw
1963	Runner-up to Wallsend on averages
1986	West Wallsend

HONOURS - NORTHERN GRAND FINALS

- 1959 West Wallsend 2 V Wallsend 4 Runner-Up
 WW Team - R Martin, R Sangster, A Wilson, T Underwood, R Cooper, K Grant, J Forster, W Green, T Coates, C Atkinson, I Newton
- 1963 West Wallsend 2 V Awaba 2
 REPLAY - West Wallsend 0 V Awaba 4
 WW Team - R Martin, C Coutts, A Wilson, R Hughes, R Cooper, E Pearce, C Atkinson, K Grant, D Ahrens, W Green, K Kaiser
- 1982 West Wallsend 0 V Weston 2 Runner-Up
- 1984 West Wallsend 0 V Weston 0 Runner-Up
 Weston won on penalties - 7 to 6.
- 1985 West Wallsend 2 V Belmont Swansea 1 - in overtime
- 1986 West Wallsend 0 V Belmont Swansea 0
 Belmont Swansea won on penalty shoot out 4 to 2
- 1988 West Wallsend 2 v Adamstown 1
 WW Team - J Russell, R Endicott, S Wilson, M Ansell, P Waddingham, P Gillogley, T Bremner, G Cameron, B Ryan, M Dempsey, R Green, B Baldwin

HONOURS ACHIEVED

STATE CUP

1931 West Wallsend 3 V Woonona Bulli 0

WW Team - J Coutts, H Maunder, J Woods, F Coolahan, C Coutts,
W Coolahan, B Sevester, C James, E Richardson (1), J Hughes (2),
N Cameron

1945 West Wallsend 2 V Metters 1

WW Team - C Baker, G Robinson, R Robinson, A Pugh, J Oliver, B
Hancock, R Robertson, G Bush (2), G Penman, J Pepperall, Harold
Whitelaw

1952 West Wallsend 0 V Wallsend 2 Runner-Up

WW Team - D Bone, G Robinson, R Hitchcock, T Underwood, J
Sneddon, B Fitzpatrick, K Lake, G Penman, R Robertson, E Baldwin,
T Bowie

SERIES ENDED 1958

VICTORY CUP

To celebrate the end of the War 1939 - 1945 -

West Wallsend	V	Wallsend
0		0

Replay

West Wallsend	V	Wallsend
1		3

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	Saturday	Mens Gala	1.30 p.m.
	Sunday	Mixed	1.30 p.m.

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HONOURS - ELLIS CUP 1886 - 1928

1899	West Wallsend	- Adamstown Runner Up
1900	West Wallsend	- Adamstown Runner Up
1901	West Wallsend	- Adamstown Runner Up
1902	West Wallsend	- Adamstown Runner Up
1903	Adamstown	- West Wallsend Runner Up
1919	West Wallsend	
1921	West Wallsend	
1925	West Wallsend	
1926	West Wallsend	
1928	Adamstown	- West Wallsend Runner Up

HONOURS - DENTON CUP - 1896 - 1899

1897	West Wallsend	- Wallsend Runner Up
1898	West Wallsend	- Minmi Rangers Runner Up
1899	West Wallsend	- Adamstown Runner Up

HONOURS - STEVENSON CUP - 1922 - 1947

1925	West Wallsend
1926	West Wallsend

HONOURS - DANIEL CUP - 1939 - 1970

1943 - West Wallsend (2) V Wallsend (5)
Runner Up

WW Team - C Baker, G Robinson, A Kelly, A Pugh, I Murray, D England,
J Robertson, J Thornton, J Smith, C Brown (2), J Pepperal.

1944 - West Wallsend (3) V Swansea (4)
Runner Up

WW Team - C Baker, G Robinson, A Kelly, J Robertson, A Pugh, J
Toward, G Penman, J Thornton (1), K Harrison, K O'Neill (1), J Pepperal
(1).

1947 - West Wallsend (3) V New Lambton (4)
Runner Up

WW Team - C Baker, G Robinson, R Robinson, K Duck, A Pugh, T Bowie,
J Hodge, G Penman, G Bush, R Robertson, J Pepperal.

1956 - West Wallsend (0) V Wallsend (1)
Runner Up

WW Team - D Bone, T Underwood, R Atkinson, J Sneddon, W James, R
Sangster, C Atkinson, J Forster, K Grant, D Cowie, T Hugo.

1957 - West Wallsend (1) V Mayfield (0)

WW Team - D Bone, T Underwood, R Atkinson, J Sneddon, R Cooper, K
Grant, R Nelmes, F Brown (1), W Collins, C Atkinson, D Newton.

1959 - West Wallsend (1) V Awaba (5)
Runner Up

WW Team - R Kimber, T Underwood A Wilson (1), K Grant, R Cooper, R
Sangster, J Forster, C Atkinson, T Coates, D Newton, W Green.

END OF SERIES

WEST WALLSEND PLAYERS FROM 1928

GOAL SCORING OF 5 OR MORE IN ONE GAME

1935	Hugh Whitelaw	West Wallsend	V	Cessnock
1946	George Penman	West Wallsend	V	Swansea
1948	Ted Baldwin	West Wallsend	V	Swansea
1949	Ted Baldwin	West Wallsend	V	Woonona
1958	Charlie Atkinson	West Wallsend	V	Merewether
1981	Bogdan Duma	West Wallsend	V	Kurri

7 GOALS

1937	Nat Jones	West Wallsend	V	Kurri
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WEST WALLSEND

HIGHEST SCORING GAMES FOR AND AGAINST

1934	West Wallsend	10	V	Leichardt Annandale	5
1936	West Wallsend	0	V	Goodyear	14
1937	West Wallsend	0	V	Adamstown	12
	West Wallsend	10	V	Kurri Kurri	2
1948	West Wallsend	11	V	Swansea Belmont	3
1949	West Wallsend	10	V	Wallsend	2
1960	West Wallsend	10	V	Charlestown	0

STORY OF JACK (BULLY) HUGHES

A gift of a pair of football boots to "Bully" when he was down and out started him on the road to fame and fortune.

He scored 817 goals in 362 1st grade matches - played for Australia in 20 Tests against four different nations.

Jack (Bully) retired at 32 years of age and was regarded as one of Australia's great players.

Some critics regarded him as West Wallsend's most outstanding footballer in a time of so many greats such as Podge Maunder, Clarrie Coutts, Bunny Muir etc. In 1939 he received an offer from Newcastle to play in England. The offer was £2,000 signing on fee, £6 a win, £3 a loss or draw - this he refused. One wonders what he would be worth in today's market.

Bully learned his soccer the hard way. "Miners" wearing hob-nailed boots at training and played a rough tumbled sort of football after their days work. Barefooted, he played with them when he was 11.

He was a menace in the school teams, in fact that's how he received his nickname of "Bully".

When he was 14 he created what is probably a record. Bully played for Westy's Under 16 team scoring 8 goals in a game. After this match he went straight back on the field for the Under 18s scoring 8 goals also.

He did however start his rise to fame in 1931. International Centre Forward "Podge" Maunders dropped out of Westy's team on the eve of their biggest match of the season against Wallsend. Maunder's withdrawal upset the whole town for this local derby game was so important. Bully, aged 16 then, out of work and barefooted, was at the training ground when the players were discussing a replacement for "Podge". Clarrie Coutts, captain, and an international captain, pointed to Bully and said "What about the kid". "Too small and young" - others replied - Bully was about 7-1/2 stone. Clarrie replied "If he's good enough, he's big enough". His remarks carried sufficient weight to gain Bully's selection in the team.

However, a problem now had arisen for the "Hughes' family was out of work and Bully had no football boots. He turned to his school teacher, Mr Sid Grant, who no doubt will be remembered as an outstanding official of the State League and journalist. Sid was a great supporter of Bully for he went and bought him a pair of football boots.

Thus the frail 16 year old lad replaced Australia's greatest player (Podge) as leader of the forward line of the most famous Soccer team in State League history in a game against Wallsend.

Within a sensational 15 minutes he had slammed the ball twice into the net. He scored another goal in the second half and enabled his team to win 5 - 2.

The great Podge Maunder played only a few games after that. When Podge did play, Bully played inside left, the position he played most of his football life. Three years later a Sydney talent scout was after "Bully".

Mr Bill Douglas from Metters, said to him "I would do anything to get you to play for Metters". Bully replied "OK, if you want me that bad I'll play for Metters provided you find a job for me, my father and brother". Douglas not only found jobs for the three of them but also for Bully's girlfriend (Elvie Yeates) later his wife, his sister and her boyfriend. As an added incentive, he found a house for the family to live in.

Thus everybody bar Ron, who was only nine at the time, gained employment so it was off to Sydney for the Hughes family. Metters got the best out of the Hughes as father Ben was Treasurer of the Club for years. Bully continued his outstanding performances for that Club.

Ben (Junior) made the 1st team and became captain of the team. Ron "Coogan" became Centre Forward also and went on to represent New South Wales and then Australia while playing for Metters. Bully finished his career with Canterbury Bankstown at the time of another great, Reg Date.

While it is over 50 years since Bully and his family left Westy to achieve fame in the grand game of Soccer, the name of Hughes still comes up regularly when discussing players of note and fame who wore the Blue Shirt of the Bluebells.

Ben and Ron still live in Sydney but nothing delights them more than a visit back to the hometown of the Bluebells.

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It took part in a badge series which was limited to five matches and six senior clubs nominated. The final points table read -

Minmi Rangers	8 points
Burwood United	7
Adamstown	5
Carrington Blackwater	5
Wallsend	3
West Wallsend	2

SEASON 1892

Saw West Wallsend play its first competition match against Adamstown at West Wallsend - April 30th. The result was a 2 all draw and a banquet followed in "Johnson's Hotel" with 300 guests. A crowd of 1,200 watched the game.

Team - J Wall, J Swan, J Graham, J Robertson, T Wilkinson, R Harden, H Spiers, J Hughes, A Gracie, R Clarke, R Moffit. Goal scorers - J Hughes, R Clarke.

Points table read -

Minmi Rangers	18
Adamstown	12
Burwood United	12
West Wallsend	11
Wallsend	5
Young Wallsend	2

West Wallsend inflicted the only defeat to Minmi Rangers, 2 - 0, a result that set Westy alight with excitement.

Goal nets were used for the first time in 1892.

SEASON 1893

Saw seven entries for the Badge series: Adamstown, Burwood United, Carrington Blackwater, Greta Bluebells, Minmi Rangers, Wallsend, West Wallsend. Minmi Rangers won the series with an outstanding performance - played 12, won 12, goals 42 for and 4 against - 24 points. Their centre forward, Tom Campbell, set a new goal scoring record by netting 26 in a season.

SEASON 1894 No records

SEASON 1895 No records

SEASON 1896 No records

SEASON 1897

West Wallsend became known as the "Bluebells" and their best result was winning the Denton Cup by defeating Wallsend Rovers 1 - 0.

Team - Richardson, Leckie, Dowling, Maunder, Harden, Patterson, Robertson, Harrison, Dempsey, Brennan, Curran.

The sole goal was scored by Dempsey in the 75th minute. The game was played at the Newcastle Cricket Ground - crowd 1,072.

SEASON 1898

West Wallsend again won the Denton Cup, defeating Minmi Rangers 2 - 0.

Team - Richardson, Dowling, Leckie, Harden, Harris, D Maunder, J Curran, Burrell, Brennan, Harrison, R Leckie.

Goal scorers - Harrison, J Curran.

SEASON 1899

Season 1899 saw Westy again winning the Denton Cup 1 - 0 against Adamstown. Balgownie defeated Westy 1 - 0 in the semifinal of the Gardiner Cup.

SEASON 1900

In 1900 Westy defeated Adamstown 5 - 1 in the final of the Ellis Cup. This year was also Westy's first Gardiner Cup win. Before the coveted trophy landed in Westy, the team had to meet Pyrmont Volunteers twice at University Oval. The first clash ended in a 3 all draw but the Bluebells showed skill and determination to win the replay 4 - 1. The gate netted £55 at 6 pence for males - ladies free.

When the players returned by rail at Cockle Creek, the crowd roared their appreciation. Trophies were presented at a Victory Ball.

Team - Burrell, Muir, F Leckie, R Harden (Captain), W Teasdale, J Maunder, J Robertson, J Curran, R Howie, J Swan, R Leckie.

SEASON 1901

1901 was a very successful season for the Bluebells defeating Adamstown 3 - 1 in the Ellis Cup final. It also resulted in a win in the Gardiner Cup final defeating Balgownie 4 - 1 after the score was 1 all at half time. The only change in the Bluebells team from 1900 was the goalkeeper Burrell being replaced by E Palmer.



WEST WALLSEND 1899-1900-1901

Back Row: Alex Muir, R. Durie, F. Leckie. Middle: J. Maunder, W. Teasdale, R. Harden (Capt). Front: J. Curran, R. Howie, S. Swan, R. Leckie, J. Robertson. Officials: (left to right) F. McCann, P. Strachan, Dr Hocking, J.H. Denton, P. Dick, F. Leckie & R. Leckie are brothers, J. Maunder is the father of Henry and Podge. W. Teasdale became Manager of Cullen Bullen Colliery on the South Coast.

SEASON 1902

In 1902 for the Annual Representative match against Sydney the Northern selectors nominated the entire West Wallsend XI and staged the match at Westy. It was played on Coronation Day, June 28th and the game was won by Newcastle (Westy) 4 - 2. Gate £55.

Team - E Palmer, F Leckie, A Muir, R Harden (Captain), E Robinson, R Keegan, R Leckie, A Pillans, W Teasdale, W Parkes, J Maunder (Podge - Henry's father).

Unfortunately, they were defeated 3 - 1 in the final of the Gardiners Cup by Pyrmont Rangers.

SEASON 1903

1903 reverted to District Football. West Wallsend and Young Wallsend were the one area. This resulted in two teams, one in first grade with another in third grade called Rebels whose colours were black and gold. No Northern team took part in the Gardiner Cup.

SEASON 1904

Westy qualified for the final of the Ellis Cup but because of a dispute in the other semifinal, the final was never played. The representative game North V South was played at West Wallsend - North won 5 - 0. Gate 50.

SEASON 1905

1905 was a quiet year with the best result being achieved by a 3rd grade junior team being defeated 4 - 2 by Merewether B in the final.

SEASON 1906

1906 saw Westy with a 2nd and 3rd grade side with no outstanding success. They did however have a school team which played in black and gold colours. The Gardiner Cup re-commenced but Westy did not nominate.

SEASON 1907

On the local scene the senior grade was abandoned and an all-aged competition was introduced. Westy was successful in winning 3rd grade Juniors.

Team - R Mowbray, C Lewis, T Richmond, M Dial, R Skillings, T Campbell, J Whitelaw, W Lewis, G Mason, W Carson, H Parkes.

They also won the School Barlow Cup. Team - J Leckie, C Knudson, H Means, W Grills, E Robinson, J Armount, D Horn, F Williams, P Salvin, R Turnbull, A McIntyre, E Howell, N Turnbull.

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SEASON 1908

1908 saw Westy as runner-up to Adamstown in both the Juvenile and School competitions.

SEASON 1909

West Wallsend won 3rd grade.

Team - T Morgan, J Harrison, M Dial, W McLure, C Thompson, W Brown, T Clough, H Burkett, T Newell, W Lewis, T Craig, J Dellaway, H Ball.

SEASON 1910

Saw little activity and no success.

SEASON 1911

Wallsend defeated Westy 2 - 1 in the Lodges Final. Westy re-entered the Gardiner Cup but was beaten in the first round by Sydney 2 - 1.

SEASON 1912

Cessnock defeated Westy 1 - 0 in the senior final after a replay of a 1 all draw - "Tup" Rennix scoring off a penalty kick.

Players - T Coates, F Williams, N Brennan, J Stewart, R Sneddon, T Campbell, C Lewis, J Richmond, G Mason, C Thompson, J Harrison (not as selected).

Newcastle defeated Tasmania 4 - 1 in a representative game. N Brennan, T Campbell, J Stewart and G Mason, all from Westy, played for Newcastle.



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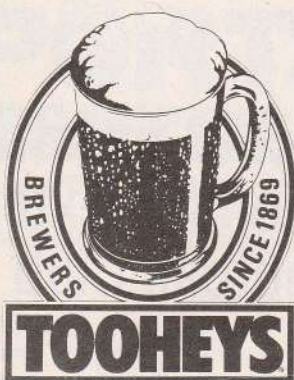
Top Row: J Cuthbert (Trea.), E Robinson, W Lee (V.C.), J Leckie (Capt.), J Leckie, F Cantello (Trainer)
Second Row: F Craig (Pres.), R Turnbull, B Clapham, A Anderson, G Taft, A Hodge (Manager)
Front Row: P Muir, N Turnbull, T Gelder, H Bottle, L Johnson

SEASON 1913

In the premiership final, Westy narrowly defeated Merewether after 270 minutes of play 2 - 2, 1 - 1, 2 - 1 win.

Team - J Sneddon, C Knudson, F Williams, R Sneddon, T Campbell, J Stewart, W Acres, T Sinclair, Cuthbert, Simpson, Gardiner.

Newcastle defeated Queensland 2 - 1. F Williams, R Sneddon, W Acres and J Harrison, all from Westy, played for Newcastle.



WEST WALLSEND SCHOOL PREMIERS, 1914



Back Row: F Craig (Jnr), N Arthur, D Britt, P Wickham, B McBlane, C Gray, C Brieley
Front Row: B Johnson, P Dugles, J Kemp, P Maunder, D Kaiser, B Erickson

SEASON 1914

While they qualified for the semifinal in the premiership, success did not come their way. Weston defeated them 2 - 1 in the second round of the Gardiner Cup.

SEASON 1915

Merewether defeated Westy 3 - 2 in the final of the Ellis Cup. The same happened in the first War-time State Cup final, Balmain winning 2 - 0.

Team - J Sneddon, F Williams, C Knudson, A Ramage, R Sneddon, J Mather, D Clarke, C Lewis, W Lambert, J Gilmour, T Coates.

SEASON 1917

Was also an all age series, West Wallsend and Weston tied for first as the premier team but was defeated 2 - 1 by Wallsend in the semifinal.

Team - Jeffries, A Lewis, C Lewis, J Coutts, R Sneddon, O Anderson, T Sinclair, W Lee, T Coates, D Kaiser, Gelder.



WEST WALLSEND BLUEBELLS, 1918

Back Row: T Coates, W McKenzie, J Lavery,
 Centre Row: F Craig, J Couttes, R Sneddon, A McKay, A Hodge
 Front Row: P Convery, G Kaiser, T Coates, T Sinclair, W Smith

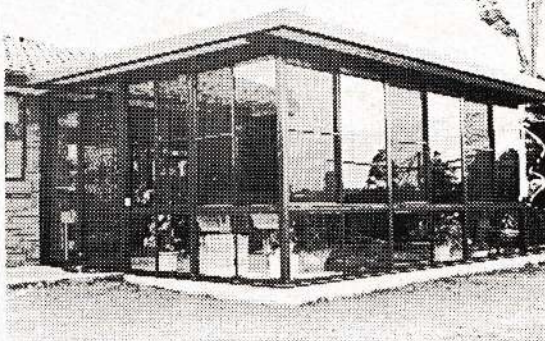
SEASON 1918

Once again Westy reached the semifinals of the all age series. However, Adamstown defeated them 3 - 1. Of great interest is that Bill "Podge" Maunder was on the right wing.

The final of the Kerr Cup saw Westy V Wallsend. It was played at West Wallsend and it drew a record gate. Westy won 4 - 0, goals being scored by Tom Coates 2; Dick Sneddon 1; N Convery 1.

They were defeated by Cessnock in the second round of the Gardiner Cup.

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SEASON 1919

A comprehensive list of players who had fallen in battle showed J Bilbie, a player who was awarded a Certificate of Merit by King George V for Bravery in saving a person from drowning in the River Thames and another leading local player, Ned Brennan lost a leg after being injured in action.

West Wallsend was the Premier team on 14 points. Another success was in the Ellis Cup, defeating Hamilton 4 - 1.

The Kerr Cup provided excellent "Soccer" with Balmain Fernleigh the first game being a nil all draw. Over 4,000 saw the replay when Westy proved their superiority by 3 - 0 - a hat trick to Tom Coates.

It was during this season that the Bluebells fielded the left combination of Tommy Sinclair and Dai McLaughlin which lasted for many years to thrill the crowds. They reached the final of the Gardiner Cup but were defeated 3 - 0 by Balmain Fernleigh.

Kerr Cup Team - W McKenzie, W Lee, H James, C Coutts, R Sneddon, R McKay, W Smith, D Kaiser, T Coates, T Sinclair, D McLaughlin.

The Ellis Cup Team only differed at left half where A Anderson replaced McKay. Tom Coates was the leading goal scorer for the season with 22.

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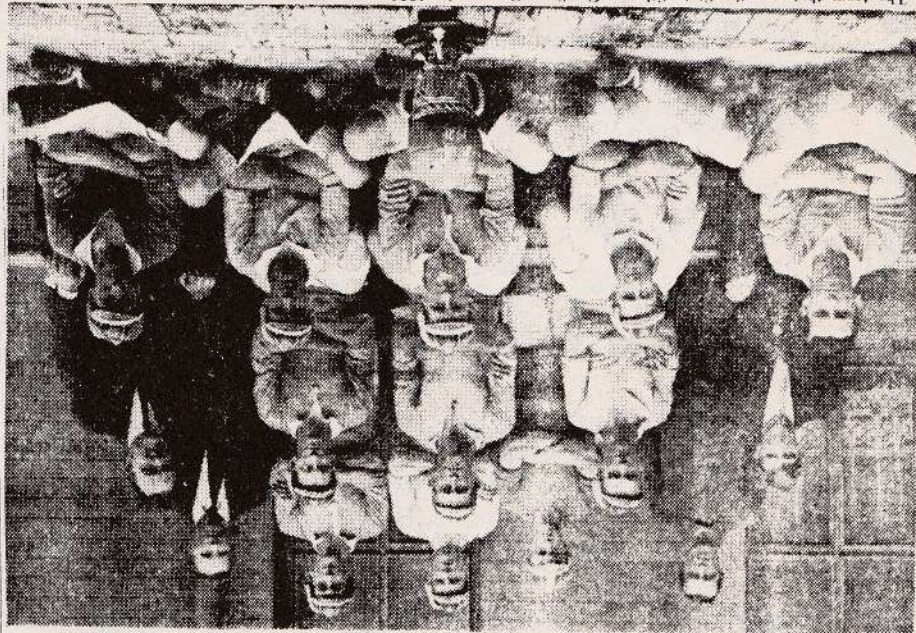


represented in the Newcastle West Wallisend was well under 16, four years forward, under 18 and the club had for many years four teams; seniors, Tommy Sinclair, L. Brown, Coates, Will Erickson, Smith (half-backs), Tommy (Forrie) Coates, William (Forrie) Coats, Coolahan, Hayes and Henry Maunders. Other players were Frank J. Coates who in goal. I won 3-0 greatest victory. It won the Framway ground at Ham-played Canada at the old Later, West Wallisend scored for Newcastle. Sinclair, "Podge" Maunders and T. Coates, W. Maunders, T. Coates, H. They were J. Coates, H. 5, 1924.

team that played a one-all draw with Canada on May sacrificed money when they left the priority to play an important game.

While this spirit of sportsmanship has long gone, enthusiasm for the code remains, and the oldtimers who are left often watch the juniors always hoping they may some day recapture some of the clubs' former glories in soccer. Records show that West Wallisend won the Gardiner Cup in 1900, 1901, 1921, 1923 and 1924 (it was discontinued after 1928); the Stevenson Cup in 1926; and the NSW (State) Association Cup in 1931.

West Wallisend was well represented in the Newcastle. On June 21, 1924, West.



Shedden (Captain), William Smith, Dr Charles Renwick (who donated the tasselled caps). Front: Tommy "Butcher" James, Jack Coult, Henry Maunders, Alec Hodges. Centre: Jimmy McClure, Clarrie Coult, Dick Coult, the team that was the State title — a Gardiner Cup — in 1921. Back row: Archibald Lachlan, Harry Coates, Frank Hayes, William "Podger" Maunders, Tommy Sinclair, David ("Dad") McLauchlan.

Mr. Smith joined West Wallend seniors in 1919—the year West Wallend was beaten in the final of the Gardiner Cup at Syd. new Sports Ground by Balmain-Ferrisigh 3-1. Mr. Smith played with "Westy" in the Gardner Cup finals, winning twice and losing two. The other loss was

They include Mr William Smith, who has lived all his 75 years except two weeks at West Wallasey. He worked in mines for 46 years — West Wallasey, Seaham No 2, Stockpington No 1, at Seaham, late Mr Tom ("Bindy") Hoare, former President of the Miners' Federation for many years. Isaac Hoare, a brother, who became a district, a roll of a year.

The "greats" exploits of the "they include the late James Curran, are often recalled at West Wallaseid Bowling Club, where some of the oldtimers gather either for

Continued in the Gardiner Cup final, 3-0.
"Westy" players were in the Australian team that scored a 1-all draw with China at Hobart Park on March 23, 1927.

But a week later, West
Wallaseid, playing with the
same team, won the replay
8-1.
This was another win-
ning year for the club,
which beat Balgownie.

The 1926 final of the Stevenson Cup played against Kurri Kurri at Cessnock ended in a 3-all draw.

It was yet another example of the recurrence of the names of Coultis, Maunders, McLachlan, Czechoslovakia at Hobart Park 12 months later.

WallSEND had six players in the Newcastle team that beat Queensland 3-0. The club was also well represented in the representative team that played

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SEASON 1920

The Soccer Management Committee secured a new ground, the Tramway Hamilton, near the tram depot. This meant a "match of the day" was played there. West Wallisend won the Premiership final by beating Adamstown 2 - 0, at the Tramway ground to produce the first 200 gate.

Team - Jeffreys, H James, W Lee, C Coutts, R Sneddon, R McKay, W Smith, D Kaiser, T Coates, T Sinclair, D McLaughlin. Tom Coates scored both goals off penalty kicks.

Adamstown defeated Westy 4 - 0 in the semifinal.

Westy defeated Wallisend in the final of the Kerr Cup 1 - 0. Les Brown scored the vital goal.

Westy Woodpeckers won the State Junior Cup final 3 - 0 against Hamilton.

SEASON 1921

West Wallisend retained its many stars but newcomers included Bill Podge Mander, Henry Mander, Wagg James, Bunny Muir, Les Brown, while Dutchy Phillips came from Sydney. The points table read: West Wallisend 25; Wallisend Royals 24; Weston 22; Cessnock 21; Adamstown 20; Kurri 14; Wallisend Rovers 12; Lysaghts 3; Newcastle 3.

The final of the Ellis Cup at the Tramway saw Westy beat Cessnock 2 - 0. The gate was £258.

Team - J Coutts, H James, H Mander, W Smith, R Sneddon, C Coutts, T Coates, W Mander, B Muir T Sinclair, D McLaughlin.

The Gardiner Cup final was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2. West Wallisend withstood a terrific challenge from Granville to win 3 - 1 after being down by a goal at half-time. The team was as above except A Phillips replaced B Muir. Scorers were W Mander, T Sinclair and A Phillips. W Mander scored 10 goals in the Cup series.

SEASON 1922

The points table reads as follows:- West Wallisend 21; Wallisend 21; Weston 20; Cessnock 19; Adamstown 17; Kurri 9; Mayfield United 3; Newcastle United 1.

West Wallisend bounced Weston 6 - 0 in the semifinal in which a tragedy occurred at the Homestead ground - lightning struck causing the death of star player Peter Copcock of Weston. In the final Westy beat Cessnock 4 - 2. W Mander scored 3 goals.

Team - J Coutts, H Mander, F Hayes, C Coutts, R Sneddon, W Smith, T Coates, H Muir, Podge Mander, T Sinclair, D McLaughlin.

West Wallisend beat Weston 5 - 1 in the final of the Kerr Cup. Once again W Mander scored 3 goals and was selected to represent Australia in touring New Zealand and had the honour of scoring Australia's first goal ever in an international test match. New Zealand won 3 - 1.

T Sinclair and D McLaughlin represented Newcastle against Queensland. Granville defeated Westy 1 - 0 in the final of the Gardiner Cup.

SEASON 1923

Westy finished third in the premiership but was beaten 1 - 0 by Adamstown in the semifinal. Once again they won the Gardiner Cup - beating Sydney 1 - 0 after the first resulted in a 4 all draw. G Ross and T Coates scored 2 each in the first game while G Ross scored the winning goal in the replay.

Team - J Coutts, H James, H Maunder, Frank Coolahan, C Coutts, W Smith, T Coates, G Ross, W Maunder, T Sinclair, D McLaughlin.

The final was first played in Newcastle.

Clarrie Coutts played for Australia against China at Newcastle in front of a crowd of 16,000. Australia won 4 - 3.

Newcastle also played China at Newcastle winning 7 - 1. Jack Coutts, H Maunder, F Hayes, T Coates, H Muir, D McLaughlin and W Maunder played for Newcastle.

SEASON 1924

Saw Westy win the Gardiner Cup played in Newcastle, by beating Woonona 3 - 0 with gate being £251.

Team - Jack Coutts, H Maunder, H James, Frank Coolahan, C Coutts, F Hayes, H Muir, L Brown, W Maunder, W Erickson, D McLaughlin.

In the premiership they finished in third place.

They defeated Adamstown 2 - 1 in the semifinal and went on to defeat Wallsend 3 - 1 after the first game being a 1 all draw. The replay proved a real classic and at the end both teams received a wonderful reception from the crowd.

The final of the Kerr Cup saw old rivals Adamstown and Westy meeting. Westy won 3 - 1 in a tense and hectic game. The team only made one change from the team above, W Smith replaced H James.

W & H Maunder represented Australia against Canada in 4th Test at Newcastle, score 0 all.

W Maunder also represented Australia in 5th and 6th Tests. Test results - Australian won 3, lost 2, 1 draw.

Westy was given the honour of playing Canada in a mid-week fixture and defeated them 3 - 1.

Jack Coutts, H Maunder, W Maunder, L Brown, D McLaughlin represented the North against Queensland.

SEASON 1925

West Wallsend was undefeated in the Premiership scoring 28 points, however, they were defeated 1 - 0 in the semifinal by Cessnock. Cessnock also defeated Westy in the semifinal of the Gardiner Cup 2 - 1.

Players H Maunder, Frank Coolahan, C Coutts and L Brown represented the North against a visiting English team.

W Maunder played for Australia in the 5th Test against England.

Frank Coolahan represented New South Wales.

SEASON 1926

Saw the loss of the Tramway ground but was offset by securing Hobart Park at New Lambton. The ground was officially opened by the Mayor of New Lambton Alderman G Brown, on the 1st May when West Wallsend played Kurri.

West Wallsend won the premiership scoring 32 points. However, they were defeated in the final by Cessnock 1 - 0 before a crowd of 6126.

Team - J Coutts, H James, H Muir, F Coolahan, C Coutts, J Proudlock, L Brown, C James, E Richardson, D Kaiser, D McLaughlin. They also won the Ellis Cup but were defeated in the final of the Kerr Cup by Adamstown 5 - 0.

Team - W McKenzie, H Muir, H Maunder, F Coolahan, C Coutts, E Richardson, F Hayes, C James, W Maunder, D Kaiser, D McLaughlin. Westy lost W Maunder after 11 minutes of play and with a player short could not stand up to the continual Rosebud assaults.

West Wallsend won the Stevenson Cup beating Kurri in a reply 7 - 3 after a 3 all draw.

The highlight of the season was winning the Gardiner Cup by defeating Adamstown 2 - 1. The game was played at Hobart Park with a ~~4~~300 gate. Injuries kept rival centre forwards W Maunder and G Russell in the grandstand.

Team - J Coutts, H Maunder, H Muir, F Coolahan, C Coutts, E Richardson, L Brown, C James, G Ross, D Kaiser, S Masters.

SEASON 1927

Started the rumblings of discontent when Clubs became dissatisfied at the division of gates. Clubs held a meeting and Mr Bill Beaney was elected Secretary of a movement called "State League". While discussions were held the season continued as normal.

Westy ran second to Cessnock in the premiership and was defeated by that team 3 - 1 in the semifinal. In the Kerr Cup the final was played at Hobart Park and resulted in a 3 all draw. The replay was ordered to be played at Weston but Westy failed to raise a team and Cessnock received the Cup.

Frank Coolahan and Clarrie Coutts represented against China and Czechoslovakia.

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L To R J COUTTS, L BROWN, S MASTERS, E RICHARDSON, D KAISER, G ROSS, F COOLAHAN,

C COUTTS, H MAUNDER, W JAMES, H MUIR



SEASON 1928

Saw a breakaway by some Clubs to "State League", West Wallsend decided to stay loyal to NSW Soccer Football Association. State League had a combination of Northern and Southern teams and consisted of 11 Clubs. West Wallsend lost many of its top players due to the split and had an ordinary season being defeated by Thirroul in the semifinal of the Gardiner Cup and Adamstown in the final of the Ellis Cup 3 - 1. Also New Lambton won the semifinal of the premiership 4 - 2 from Westy.

Frank Coolahan was selected as a utility player to tour Dutch East Indies. W & H Maunder, C Coutts, C James had left and signed for Kurri.

SEASON 1929

The State League increased from 11 to 14 with Adamstown from the North joining the ranks. It was obvious that they now had control of soccer both in the South and North. Once again this had an inroad on West Wallsend's players, infact to the stage that West Wallsend did not enter a senior team in the NSW Association.

Players H Muir and S Woods went to Weston while C Coutts, F Coolahan, W Coolahan and D McLaughlin went to Adamstown; Les Brown, Ern Richardson to Wallsend; W & H Maunder along with C James went to Kurri.

SEASON 1930

West Wallsend's application to enter State League was rejected. The reason given was that the ground was not suitable nor was it permissible to share a ground. They then made an application to join the Newcastle Association Senior competition, this was also rejected. But if they agreed to play their home games at Westy then it would be accepted.

One decision laughed at the other. Before a decision was reached Westy challenged Adamstown, a State League team, to a trial game at Hobart Park.

This was arranged and some of Westy's ex stars returned for the game. Result - Westy won 5 - 2.

Team - Jack Toward, H Maunder, J Woods, E Richardson, C Coutts, Bill Coolahan, C Gallagher, C James, Podge Maunder, H Muir, D McLaughlin.

Scorers - Podge Maunder - 3, C James - 2.

A meeting of the Club was held in the picture theatre with the object to revive soccer in the town. After much discussion it was resolved to carry on with a senior team in the Newcastle Association.

The election of officers resulted in -

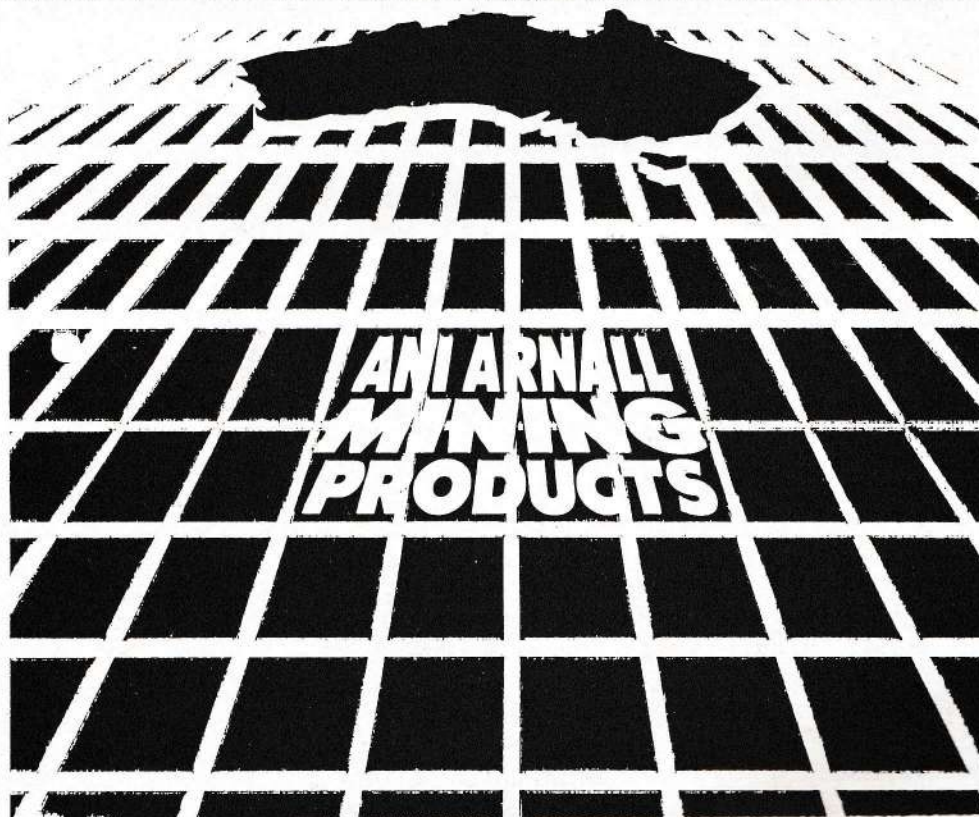
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SEASON 1931

Saw Westy in State League which resulted in a return of several of their ex star players. Due to the depression however the competition was held in two divisions, North and South. Weston won the Northern division on 23 points, Westy ran second on 18 points. Westy however won the State Cup defeating Woonona 3 - 0. They reached the final in an unusual way receiving a forfeit from Cessnock in the semifinal. Adamstown defeated Westy 4 - 3 in the final of the Robinson Cup.

Team - Liddy Toward, A Maunder, J Woods, F Coolahan, C Coutts, B Coolahan, Ned Cameron, C James, J (Bully) Hughes, E Richardson, H Muir. Other players used in 1931 were Hugh & Harold Whitelaw, J Buckley, Bob (SAL) Sevester, Jack Coutts. C James was the main goal scorer - 8.

Jack "Bully" Hughes played his first senior game on the 4 July 1931 against Wallsend at the Crystal Palace. Westy won 5 - 1.
Harry (Bunny) Muir won selection to tour Java.

SEASON 1932

The main successes for the Bluebells in this season were being defeated 5 - 1 by Wallsend in the semifinal of the Robinson Cup and defeating that team 4 - 1 in the final of the President Cup.

Players - J Turner, Frank Coolahan, Sara Woods, C Coutts, E Richardson, E Disney, Alec Heaney, J Hughes, H Muir, D McLaughlin, Bill Priest, C James, D Kaiser, Bob Sevester.

Main goal scorers - J Hughes - 8; C James - 7; Ern Richardson - 7.

Representative Honours - F Coolahan, S Woods, C James - Newcastle V Victoria. NSW V Queensland - C James NSW V SA - H Muir (3 times)

SEASON 1933

No major successes but was defeated 4 - 2 by Wallsend in the final of the Robinson Cup.

Players - H Muir, F Coolahan, Bob Sevester, G Rear, R Driffield, J Hughes, D Kaiser, Ern Richardson, S Masters, R Braye, J Turner, C Coutts, G Mullins, C Spence, C James, W Burton, J Chapman, E Disney.

Main goal scorers - E Richardson - 14, J Hughes - 13.

Representative Honours - J Hughes, C James - NSW
J Hughes - NSW V New Zealand - New Caledonia

SEASON 1934

A change from Club control to a Board of Directors came about in this year. Also a State wide premiership with 16 Clubs participating was formed. Points scored - Adamstown 47; Matters 46; Granville 44; Waratah Mayfield 35; Weston 33; West Wallsend 32; Gladesville Ryde 30; St George 28; Kurri Kurri 28; Cessnock 27; Balgownie 26; Wallsend 24; Aberdare 22; Leichhardt 15; Woonana Bulli 11; Canterbury 8.

Granville's claim to prominence was due to the signing of Wallsend halfback trio W Forrester, S Edgettan, J Osborne. This was the start of Northern players going south to achieve work due to the depression years. Westy reached the semifinal of the State Cup against Adamstown and after a 1 all draw was defeated 7 - 3 in the replay.

Players - J Turner, C James, J Martin, A McMillan, J Gilday, C Coutts, W Coolahan, W Timmins, H Muir, M Burt, E Richardson, J Hughes, Harold Whitelaw, S Williams.

Main scorers - E Richardson - 35 (Club record); J Hughes - 27; H Muir - 18.

SEASON 1935

Was an unhappy year for the Club as two of the best players to have played for the Blues had moved on - Jack "Bully" Hughes to Metters and Bill Coolahan to Adamstown - a sad loss.

Also Clarrie Coutts was to play his last season after such a magnificent career in which he achieved every honour that was possible to obtain. As it was thought, no success came their way this season.

Some of the players - C James, N Cameron, J Gilday, H Muir, M Burt, Harold Whitelaw, R Burns, A McMillan, W Timmins, C Coutts, F Felshaw.

Main scorers - C James - 14; N Cameron - 8.

SEASON 1936

This also was a bad season with the Club really struggling to survive. Harold Whitelaw had left to play with Wallsend. This also was the last season for that outstanding player Harry "Bunny" Muir. One only has to check records to see what an outstanding career he has had.

Some of the players - C James, E Ball, Alec Heaney, J Sutherland, D Kaiser, E Daley, R Grant, M Burt, H Muir, N Cameron, J Thornton, E Richardson, S Wood, K Harrison, R Harmes.

Main scorers - C James - 17; A Heaney - 7; E Ball - 6; H Muir - 7.

The only success was the winning of the Robinson Cup.

SEASON 1937

Was an unsuccessful season with no major trophies coming the Club's way.

Players - A Heaney, N Jones, E Ball, C James, W Priest, A Dellaway, J Thornton, N Cameron, T Grimson, J Sidebottom, A Kelly, F Merrick, R Paddock, H Bashford, J Toward, R Harmes.

Main goal scorers - A Heaney - 10; N Jones - 10; E Ball - 6.

Westy defeated Kurri Kurri 10 - 2 in which N Jones created a Club scoring record in one game by hitting the net 7 times.

SEASON 1938

Saw an inter-city competition being conducted with 12 teams. West Wallsend along with Kurri Kurri, Aberdare and Wollongong Steelworks were omitted. The result of being omitted from 1st Division saw players leaving the Club by the handfull. E Ball went to St George in Sydney, A Dellaway, T Grimson, M Burt to Wallsend but the Club to gain most of the players was Waratah/Mayfield. They included: A Heaney, J Toward, J Sidebottom, R Paddock, A Kelly, H Bashford, N Jones, W Priest, R Harmes - almost a complete team. Waratah/Mayfield later changed its name to Newcastle City and played behind District Park Tennis Club.

With such an exit of players the Club went into recess. It was left to an organised body to put a team together to play all-age competition. This was to continue until their re-admission to 1st Division in 1942.

The years between 1938 to 1942 saw the Club calling on some of its older well-known players in Harry Bunny Muir and Charlie Wagga James to assist the team to win all-age competitions, thus keeping the name of the Club going.

SEASON 1941

Saw Goodyear and Newcastle City withdraw from the Inter-city competition. In fact, Newcastle only had Adamstown, Wallsend, Weston and Cessnock representing the North.

SEASON 1942

The season competition was to be played in two Divisions - North and South owing to the war and the call by the Government to restrict travel as much as possible. The Northern Division consisted of Adamstown, Cessnock, Wallsend, Weston, Lake Macquarie, Kurri Kurri, Merewether and West Wallsend.

Due to the war, Cups were omitted and the premier team was Wallsend. Westy only managed to win 5 games for the season.

Players - Jack Curran, S Bartlett, Ian Murray, Jim Toward, Percy Englund, E Neal, J Smith, W McLaughlin, T Grimson, R Sneddon, Jack Robertson, J Rae, C Brown, J Rees, J Stewart, R Lockett, Dave Englund, Geo. Penman, W Fordham, C Kemp, Harold Whitelaw, Ritchie Robinson, W Daley, W Priest, R Stewart, W Wright.

Main scorers - J Rae - 6; C Brown - 4; T Grimson - 4; G Penman - 3.

Was to be conducted as in '42 with a Northern and Southern Division. However after 4 games a breakaway occurred with 4 leading clubs, Wallsend, Adamstown, Leichhardt, Metters taking the opportunity to invite other clubs to join them. Included in this invitation was West Wallsend who accepted. Thus they were not part of an inter-city competition which comprised of Leichhardt, Lake Macquarie, Wallsend, Metters, Grace Bros, Canterbury Bankstown, Adamstown. They reached the semifinal in which the opponent was Wallsend. After playing a 4 all draw Westy was defeated 3 - 1 in the replay.

Team - C Baker, G Robinson, A Kelly, A Pugh, I Murray, D Englund, G Burrows, J Robertson, J Smith, C Brown, J Pepperal.

G Burrows (1), J Robertson (2), C Brown (1) scored in the first game while J Smith scored in the replay. Westy missed 2 penalties in the replay.

Other players in 1943 as well as those already mentioned included Jim Toward, J Curran, P Englund, J Thornton, J Rae, T Bowie, G Penman, D Marshall, R Lockett, H Wallace, C Callinan, G Whittaker.

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SEASON 1944

The season started once again with a breakaway still in existence. New South Wales Soccer Football Association Ltd as it was known increased its teams from 8 to 12. New Clubs were Granville-North Shore, Swansea Belmont and Woonana Bulli. Westy finished in the middle of the points table but had no major successes for the season.

Players - C Baker, R Robinson, G Robinson, A Kelly, J Pepperall, L Sivyer, A Pugh, J Shaw, T Bowie, G Burrows, R Robertson, K O'Neill, W O'Neill, G Penman, K Naughton, K Harrison, W Walker, J Sneddon, J Goodall, J Hamilton, J Oliver.

Main scorers - K Harrison - 12; K Naughton - 9; J Thornton - 5.

SEASON 1945

Saw the competition reverted to 2 Divisions, Northern and Southern. The Northern teams were West Wallsend, Swansea Belmont, Wallsend, Adamstown, Cessnock, Lake Macquarie, Kurri Kurri, Weston. Westy finished in 5th position on the points table. They played Wallsend in the Victory Cup final and after a scoreless draw was defeated 3 - 1 in the replay.

Players - C Baker, G Robinson, R Robinson, A Pugh, J Oliver, B Hancock, R Robertson, G Bush, G Penman, J Pepperall, Harold Whitelaw.
H Whitelaw scored in the replay.

Players included the above as well as: T Bowie, A Kidd, J Goodall, J Thornton, R Lockett, W Wright, K Leddon, W Walker, W McLaughlin, C James, K Harrison, A Kelly.

Main scorers - J Pepperall - 6; G Bush - 5; G Penman - 5; W Wright - 4.

A Pugh, J Pepperall represented Newcastle Coalfields V Sydney Metropolitan - Newcastle won 6 - 3.



WEST WALLSEND STATE CUP WINNING TEAM, 1945.

Back Row (left to right)—A. Pugh, J. Oliver, B. Hancock
Middle Row, Standing (left to right)—J. Priest (Publicity Officer), B. Channell (President), J. Grant (Trainer), T. Bowie, G. Robinson, C. Baker, R. Robinson, R. Kaiser (Treasurer), A. Callinan (Manager), W. Grant (Hon. Secretary).
Front Row, Sitting (left to right)—R. Robertson, G. Bush, G. Penman, J. Pepperall, H. Whitelaw.
Foreground (sitting): R. Wardrop (Mascot).

C Baker, A Pugh, J Pepperal represented Newcastle V Coalfields - Newcastle won 10 - 2.

Westy's main success was the winning of the State Cup in which they defeated the more favoured club Metters 2 - 1. George Bush scored both goals. Westy led 2 to nil with Metters scoring in the second half.

Team - C Baker, G Robinson, R Robinson, A Pugh, J Oliver, B Hancock, R Robertson, G Bush, G Penman, J Pepperal, Harold Whitelaw.

SEASON 1946

The competition once again was conducted in 2 Divisions - Northern and Southern.

Westy was successful in winning the Northern Premiership which in turn gave them the right to meet the Southern Premiers who were Leichhardt. Leichhardt defeated them 2 - 1.

Team - C Baker, G Robinson, A Pugh, T Bowie, J Shaw, B Hancock, R Robertson, G Bush, G Penman, R Fenwick, Harold Whitelaw.

In the semi-final they played Lake Macquarie which ended in a 1 all draw.

However in the replay Lakes won 7 - 1.

Replay Team - C Baker, G Robinson, A Pugh, T Bowie, B Hancock, J Shaw, J Hodge, G Bush, G Penman, R Simons, Harold Whitelaw.

Lake Macquarie also defeated Westy 3 - 1 in the final of the Newcastle Cup. Westy made 3 changes to the above team - R Robinson, J Oliver, C Brown replaced B Hancock, J Shaw, R Simons.

In regards to the State Cup, history was created by the holders of the Cup (winning in 1945) not defending same. This came about by the fact that after beating Swansea Belmont 4 - 1 in the first round - G Penman scoring all 4 - they were drawn to play Adamstown in the second round. The result of this game was a 1 all draw. Ray Simons scoring for Westy. Rules that applied said that in the event of a draw the replay would be on the opposite Club's ground. In the wisdom of the Directors they instructed Westy that the replay would be at Adamstown. Westy naturally objected to such a decision but the Directors said the game had to be at Adamstown. The Club called a special meeting and invited the players to attend and at that meeting, with the players' consent, it was decided that the game would be played at Westy or a forfeit would occur.

The Directors ruled a forfeit. The Directors were severely criticised by the Press and other Clubs.

Incidentally Adamstown was defeated in the Final by Canterbury Bankstown.

Players - G Robinson, R Robinson, A Pugh, T Bowie, G Bush, C Baker, G Penman, R Simons, J Pepperal, J Sneddon, R Robertson, C Brown, R Lockett, Wright, J Hodge, R Fenwick, B Hancock, G Burrows, J Curran.

Main Scorers - G Penman - 6, G Bush - 7, R Simons - 8, C Brown - 4.

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SEASON 1947

Westy missed the Semi-Final of a 10 team Northern Division by finishing one point behind the 4th team Lysaghts. They also were defeated in the Final of the Daniels Cup by New Lambton. Wallsend also defeated them 2 - 0 in the Final of the Newcastle Cup.

Team in that game - C Baker, G Burrows, R Robinson, A Pugh, J Oliver, T Bowie, J Hodge, G Penman, G Bush, R Robertson, J Pepperall.

Incidentally, this season had two outstanding features, one being the visit of a South African touring team, the other being a transfer in playing style from attacking centre half football to a third back game.

Westy however continued to play attacking centre half football.

Players - C Baker, T Bowie, G Bush, A Pugh, J Hodge, G Penman, J Oliver, R Robinson, J Pepperall, G Robinson, R Robertson, A Meredith, G Burrows, K Duck, D Cowie, J Sneddon, B Grant, E Pavey, A Kelly, R Atkinson, K Harrison.
Main scorers - G Penman - 12, R Robertson - 5, G Bush - 4, J Pepperall - 3, J Hodge - 3. G Penman represented the North on 2 occasions.

Australian captain never played for his State

One of the greatest Australian-born soccer players did not once represent his State during a long, notable career yet did captain his country's teams.



ON REFLECTION
with JACK MATHEWS

This somewhat remarkable fact emerges from a study of the career of Clarrie Coutts, one of the Australian soccer greats whose name in the game looms large and who became almost a legend even before he retired. It is a name which does not long remain unspoken whenever teams of other days come under discussion.

Not even the Dates and the Quills, the McNabbs and the Wilkinsons of a later day captured the imagination and attention to the degree that did Clarrie Coutts, of West Wallsend. And this, despite the fact that he played in a team that became a byword in Australian soccer and which included more personalities than one can recall in a side before or since.

Born at Merewether, Clarrie Coutts has lived at West Wallsend for nigh on 70 years. He is a well-known and well-performed bowler, as much a part of the district as the main street. He began his soccer at school and, with his remarkable talent and skill soon apparent, was quickly taken into the famous club's junior teams.

It was inevitable he would gain a place in the West

Wallsend Woodpeckers, one stars was that band!

There were, of course, others brought into the side now and then but those named are those coming most readily to mind when the great and grand old sides come under review. Talking the other day with Clarrie Coutts about the teams, he insisted: "I was only an ordinary player lucky enough to be able to fit into a team of great players."

That is typical modesty. The fact is that Clarrie Coutts had the ability to make ordinary sides become somewhat extraordinary.

When age caught up with most of its players West Wallsend lost its place in the State competition for a short space. Coutts and the two Coolahans went to Adamstown. That was a renowned half-back combination. It was the line when Adamstown won the State Cup in 1930. The three then went back to West Wallsend — and the side won the Cup in 1931.

That was the ninth Cup final in which Clarrie Coutts played — eight of them with West Wallsend. He won four medals as a member of West Wallsend sides which won the famed Gardiner Cup.

Just how the presence of Clarrie Coutts made a difference to a team was clearly shown one afternoon in the late 1930s when West Wallsend, yet to win a match in the season, met the renowned Weston, which had yet to lose one. Coutts came out of retirement to help his old club when it was short of players and failing. He cajoled, coaxed and guided the young players to a notable victory. It was his 505th, and last, senior grade match.

In the Coutts' home is a much valued photograph of the head of the household and Lai Wai Tong, captain of one of the first Chinese teams to tour Australia. They were rival captains.

Lai Wai Tong came back to Australia as manager-coach of China's team in the Olympic Games soccer tournament in Melbourne in 1956. I mentioned Clarrie Coutts to him. He immediately became greatly enthusiastic.

"I remember him well. What a great player he was. I see few like him today,"

Clarrie Coutts hopes to be at soccer's annual reunion of players and officials at Adamstown Rosebuds Club tomorrow night. It is a hope that will be echoed by all his many friends and opponents of old. There is none more welcome than he who stood so tall in the game and who is such a great and noted part of Northern and, indeed, Australian soccer history.

CLARENCE COUTTS

THE BRAINS BEHIND QUEENSLAND'S VICTORY.

Ten years ago Clarence Coutts was awarded the gold medal given to the best Australian player against the Englishmen. To-day Queensland greets him as the cleverest soccer football coach in Australia. Magically he has turned eleven Queenslanders into a brilliant combination capable not only of playing fast, hard football, but also of humbling the Waratahs in that glorious 5-3 victory last Saturday.

"You can beat these chaps," he told the Queensland team. Speaking about the Queensland team to the Q.S.C. officials and to the critics he said: "I have never seen a team as keen as these fellows. They can win." When he was scoffed at, a set look came into his grey eyes, he wagged his head impishly and reiterated: "They can win, and they have got to win." In N.S.W. he was known as "Rocky"—the Rock of Gibraltar.

The Q.S.C. set out to improve the standard of football in Queensland and chose "Rocky" as the coach, who was to perform the miracle. In a short month "Rocky" has proved himself Queensland's Rock of Gibraltar.

Naturally, he could not have done what he has done except for the players who magnificently played to his instructions last Saturday. There were Queensland's four internationals of whom we are all proud—"Hec" Goring, Jimmy Donaldson, "Billy" Gibb, and Bert Murray. Also prominent were three of the others who

had previously represented Queensland—Jimmy Carton, Archie Campbell and Roy Woolley. Lastly, but certainly not least were the four "babies" of the team who each grandly played their parts—Remo Circuito, Jake Tapp, Eric Dawes and Tom Blackburn.

Behind them all, unassuming, profound in his football knowledge and experience, the most likeable of men, a man of few words but of shrewd judgment, was Clarrie Coutts. He has a great affection for "his" team, and they have a high regard for him.

His record as a player has earned him the title of the best player Australia has produced. A few years ago no Australian team was complete unless Clarrie was included as centre half. The well-known Maunder Bros. of N.S.W. were his team mates, and the Coutts—Maunder Bros. combination was known throughout Australia. They were Australian-born. It is significant that every member of this N.S.W. team, and all but two of the Queensland team were born in Australia. The cessation of immigration has given the young Australians their chance, and Young Australia will not fail when the time comes to meet England again on the soccer football field.

Queensland will find N.S.W. more difficult to defeat next Saturday, but with Clarrie Coutts still there to watch, to scheme and to advise, another victory is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

Mr Clarrie Coutts, of West Wallsend, wearing the dark blue and silver tassel cap awarded to members of the team that won the Gardiner Cup (State championship) in 1921. The caps were donated by Dr Renwick. Mr Coutts, who played as right-half, is one of the members of that team, captained by the late Mr Dick Sneddon.



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SOCCER — A TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEW

"SPOT KICK" writes:

"When Lakes trounced West Wallsend to the tune of six goals to nil last May, the scorer of every counter was speedster Sheen. No wonder West Wallsend officials were pleased to take him out of the Lakes firing line . . ."

• West Wallsend STRENGTHENED BY 2 IMPORTS

The "Bluebells" of West Wallsend hope to continue last season's successful run following the transfer of leading Lake Macquarie forwards Keith Urwin and Johnny Sheen.

Coach Gordon Conway is again slightly perturbed by his team's early performances to date, but let's look at what happened 12 months ago.

No one would have given twopence for Westy's chances after gaining only two points from its first four premiership encounters.

But coach Conway gradually blended a team of sloggers into a match-winning combination.

Before many more weeks had elapsed, the team had shot to the top of the first division with some power-packed football.

Then it was a case of "so near and yet so far." Beaten on goal average for the minor premiership, and defeated by Ayrton after a replay in the major final, West Wallsend finished the year without having its name inscribed on any trophy.

But the "Blue and Whites" made many of their critics revoke their opinions.

Once again, a casual glance at the team makes one wonder if it can reach great heights in the Northern League Soccer kingdom.

However, there's a spirit which pervades the combina-

tion that's lacking in several other rival clubs.

The loss of Keith Grant to Maitland was a sad blow to the club, and it is difficult to fully replace that brilliant tactician.

• A fruitful combination

Fortunately, the long-limbed Bob Sangster has lined up again after missing all of last season.

He rested a knee injury and is now fit to take over where he left off in 1962 as one of the top ranking wing halves in the North.

New recruits Urwin and Sheen have not yet settled down to West Wallsend's playing style, but goals must surely

Team tipped to make a late burst...

come from the eager Sheen's boots before long.

Teenage Urwin, who plays with an air of great maturity, is currently on the right wing as partner to David Ahrens. This combination could prove a fruitful one if persevered with.

The thoughtful play of Ahrens should link well with the quick bursts of the exuberant Urwin.

Sheen, who was Lake Macquarie's leading goal-scorer last year, is an exciting footballer always liable to bring off the unexpected.

When Lakes trounced West

Wallsend to the tune of six goals to nil last May, the scorer of every counter was speedster Sheen.

No wonder the West Wallsend officials were pleased to take him out of the Lakes firing line.

The left wing triangle of Barry Pearce, Warren Green and Ken Kaiser is an interesting line-up with opportunist Kaiser likely to better his last year's goal-scoring tally.

• Steady forwards

All in all, it is a very versatile front rank with every player capable of swapping places without loss of rhythm and to the consternation of opposing defences.

Only a lack of initiative and imagination could prevent this vanguard from producing goals regularly through the year.

No doubt Conway is drilling his charges well in this important phase of the code.

All of the forwards were regular scorers last year when 43 goals were netted. With Sheen spearheading the attack, West Wallsend should be well served up front.



• Ray Parkes



• Clarrie Coutts



• John Sheen



• Charlie Atkinson

The defence revolves around that veteran of many battles, Ron Cooper, at centre-half.

Cooper is the rock on which many opposing forward lines have floundered over the years.

The popular centre-half gained the coveted honor of "Best and Fairest Player" in a newspaper award last season.

This title does not aptly describe the rock-hard Cooper, whose bone-shaking tackles have often softened up goal-hungry attackers.

• Versatile Parkes

However, this hard, solid defender has taken some heavy knocks, too, and ably carries out his important task as pivot of the West Wallsend defence.

Behind Cooper in the Westy back line is another veteran of many battles, Ray Parkes. An accomplished goalkeeper who takes numerous risks



• Ron Cooper



• Barry Pearce



• Arthur Wilson

to keep his goal intact, Parkes has learned all the tricks of the trade in the goalkeeping profession.

It is hoped he will impart some of the knowledge he has gained to promising starlet Warwick Armstrong, who will be the Alliance team's custodian this year.

Armstrong was a squad member of the successful Northern NSW under 18 team in the Australian championships last season, and will gain invaluable experience over the next few months.

The fullbacks, Clarrie Coutts and Arthur Wilson, are two excellent clubmen who will fight for their team even after the last hopes of victory have gone.

At present there seems to be a lack of understanding between halfbacks and fullbacks, as though they are caught in two minds as to which should tackle or chase on attacking forward.

This apparent weakness should be a temporary one only, as Wilson and Coutts have reverted to their positions after switching over in the pre-season cup competition.

The name of Coutts, of course, ranks high in the minds of West Wallsend, and all old-time Soccer followers in the North who can recall the deeds of Jack and Clarrie senior.

• Need for co-operation

Summing up, West Wallsend will no doubt continue to give even its own supporters shocks on occasions.

The side has the tallest half-back line in Northern Soccer, and possibly Australia, yet this trio does not dominate play as it should.

Sangster and Pearce so very rarely take an opposing attack by the scruff of the neck, give it a good shake, and then send their own forwards off on a goal-getting errand.

With this assistance, centre-half Cooper could attend to his immediate task in keeping the spearhead of the rival attack out of the firing line.

The fullback pair, Coutts and Wilson, are steady, but they will have to work in closer harmony with their halfbacks to close the floodgates against the heavy armament of some of Newcastle's best attacks.

Up front, the goal-scoring potential is undoubtedly there, with Sheen a regular goal-scorer if the chances are set up for him.

**ANOTHER TEAM
TOMORROW**

TEAM AT A GLANCE

- Ray Parkes (goalkeeper): 34, 5' 10", 12st. 7lb. Ex-East Lakes. Fireman.
- Warwick Armstrong (goalkeeper): 16, 5' 9", 12st. Ex-Wallsend juniors. Apprentice fitter.
- Clarrie Coutts (right back): 21, 6' 1", 12st. Ex-West Wallsend juniors. Electrician.
- Arthur Wilson (left back): 25, 5' 10", 12st. 7lb. Ex-West Wallsend juniors. Fitter.
- Tony Underwood (right back): 32, 5' 9", 12st. 8lb. Ex-West Wallsend juniors. Steelworker.
- Barry Pearce (left half): 21, 6' 1", 12st. Ex-West Wallsend juniors. Butcher.
- Ron Cooper (centre half): 32, 6' 1", 13st. Ex-Wallsend juniors. Coalminer.
- Bob Sangster (right half): 27, 6' 3", 11st. 5lb. Ex-Lake Macquarie. Carpenter.

- Keith Urwin (outside right): 17, 5' 11", 10st. 7lb. Ex-Lake Macquarie. Apprentice fitter.
- David Ahrens (inside right): 19, 6' 2", 13st. Ex-Wallsend juniors. School teacher.
- John Sheen (centre forward): 24, 5' 10", 11st. 7lb. Ex-Lake Macquarie. Dredge operator.
- Warren Green (inside left): 27, 5' 8", 11st. 4lb. Ex-Wallsend. Steelworker.
- Ken Kaiser (outside left): 20, 5' 7", 9st. 3lb. Ex-Jesmond. Electrician.
- Charlie Atkinson (outside left): 28, 5' 9", 9st. 8lb. Ex-West Wallsend juniors. Coalminer.
- John Cummings (inside left): 17, 6' 0", 10st. 12lb. Ex-West Wallsend juniors. Clerk.
- Jim Hugo (outside right): 17, 5' 8", 10st. 7lb. Ex-West Wallsend juniors. Boilermakers' assistant.



• Ken Kaiser



• Keith Urwin

SEASON 1963

Saw Westy and Wallsend finish equal on top of the points table with 22 points. Much to the disappointment of everybody Wallsend was declared Premiers on goal averages - a play-off would have been fairer to both Clubs.

In the Semi-Final Westy defeated Newcastle Australs 3 - 2.

Team - R Parkes, C Coutts, A Wilson, R Hughes, R Cooper, B Pearce, C Atkinson, K Grant, D Ahrens, W Green, K Kaiser.

Scorers - C Atkinson, D Ahrens, K Kaiser.

In the final they played a 2 all draw with Awaba. Same team as above.
Scorers - D Ahrens, K Kaiser.

The re-play saw Awaba winning 4 - 1. Only change in the team was R Martin for Ray Parkes who was injured.

Players - R Cooper, K Kaiser, A Wilson, R Parkes, B Pearce, W Green, R Hughes, D Ahrens, K Grant, T Underwood, G Barr, C Coutts, C Atkinson, L Donkin, R Bradley, L Bradley, R Sangster.

Scorers - D Ahrens - 11, W Green - 10, K Grant - 9, K Kaiser - 6, C Atkinson - 2, R Hughes - 1, G Barr - 2, T Underwood - 1.

Awaba also defeated Westy 3 - 0 in the Semi-Final of the Ampol Cup.

SEASON 1964

Westy failed to make the Semi-Finals.

Players - A Wilson, R Cooper, J Sheen, D Ahrens, B Pearce, K Urwin, R Sangster, T Yeates, K Woods, W Armstrong, K Kaiser, W Green, R Hughes, R Parkes, C Coutts, S Mulawa, J Hugo.

Scorers - K Urwin - 9, D Ahrens - 9, J Sheen - 7, W Green - 4, K Kaiser - 3, T Yeates - 3, S Mulawa - 2, J Hugo - 1.

Tom Yeates and Kevin Woods were Syney players who travelled up each week to play.

Beated 4 - 2 by Cessnock in the Craven A competition and 2 - 0 by Adamstown in the Ampol Cup.

SEASON 1965

Westy failed to make the Semi-Finals.

Players - R Cooper, A Wilson, D Ahrens, W Armstrong, J Sheen, B Pearce, T Yeates, K Grant, K Bush, J Hugo, J Smith, J Barrie, D Attwood, W Green, R Hughes, K Farr, C Coutts.

Scorers - J Sheen - 13, D Ahrens - 10, T Yeates - 9, J Smith - 3, J Hugo - 3, W Green - 3, K Bush - 2.

SEASON 1948

Saw the Northern Division reduced to 8 teams.

The Club had no outstanding success in 1948.

Jock Hodge was selected to represent Australia in touring New Zealand scoring 7 goals. Other representative honours -

Dave Bone, Colin Johnston (Craig Johnston's father) - North V Australia XI

Bill Convery, C Johnston, J Hodge - New South Wales V Queensland.

B Convery, J Hodge - Newcastle V Coalfields.

Players - D Bone, G Robinson, G Penman, E Baldwin, R Robinson, C Johnston, J Hodge, B Convery, T Bowie, J Smith, Hughie Parkes, J Sneddon, R Lockett, R Robertson, R Dobell, D Cowie, K Woods.

Main scorers - T Baldwin - 26, C Johnston - 14, G Robinson - 8, J Hodge - 5. E Baldwin scored 5 goals in the game against Swansea Belmont.

SEASON 1949

Was a return to Intercity competition with 12 teams taking part.

No major success came Westy's way. Westy did however revert to third back football being the last Northern Club to do so.

Two outstanding features of 1949 were defeating Wallsend 10 - 2 at Wallsend and Teddy Baldwin scoring 37 goals which is a Club record for a season. This can be disputed for most records show E Richardson and Podge Maunders scoring 34 for the record.

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Honours - J Hodge - New South Wales V The Rest

E Baldwin - North V The Rest, Northern District V Yugoslavia

J Sneddon - The Rest V North

C Johnston - The Rest V North

R Robinson - The Rest V North

Players - E Baldwin, G Robinson, J Hodge, R Robinson, G Penman, D Bone, J Sneddon, B Convery, J Smith, T Bowie, R Maxwell, C Johnston, R Robertson, A Pugh, R Dobell, C Mowatt, R McLaughlin, K Woods, T Underwood.

Main scorers - E Baldwin - 37, G Penman - 12, C Johnston - 7, J Smith - 4, R Maxwell - 3.

Jock Hodge and Col Johnston left Westy and played with Auburn - a big loss to the Club.

SEASON 1950

Saw a 12 team interesting competition. The season was unsuccessful for the Club. Due to financial problems in the Club it was necessary to play home games at Wallsend Crystal Palace to raise funds by drawing bigger crowds.

Dave Bone represented the North on two occasions and Yobbie Robinson once.

Players - R Dobell, R McLaughlin, T Bowie, J Sneddon, G Robinson, G Penman, R Maxwell, E Baldwin, D Bone, R Evans, R Robinson, K Bevan, A Pugh, T Gallagher, B Gumb, J Smith, D Hodgins, T Underwood, N Adamsthwaite, N Coutts.

Main Scorers - G Penman - 17, E Baldwin - 8, R Maxwell - 3.

SEASON 1951

Once again an interesting competition of 14 teams, Metters going out of football - never to return.

No success came the Club's way.

Players - R Hitchcock, D Bone, G Penman, W Fitzpatrick, E Baldwin, R Maxwell, K Lake, T Underwood, A Pugh, T Humphries, R Atkinson, W Hall, R Dobell, J Sneddon, G Robinson, R Robertson, D Connelly, R Blackie, A Brown, E Urwin, N Coutts, K Bevan, T Bowie, D Cowie, R Robinson.

Main scorers - G Penman - 25, E Baldwin - 13, T Humphries - 5, K Lake - 3, T Underwood - 3.

Honours - K Lake - Australia V England, 4th Test

D Bone - Northern District V England.

State choice injured

A leg injury may prevent Soccer left winger Alf Gazzard getting his first State cap.

Gazzard was chosen to tour Victoria next weekend with the New South Wales team.

After 22 minutes' play Gazzard was injured in a tackle. Earlier he had scored a grand goal.

After ambulance attention Gazzard asked to return to the field, but club officials refused, and took him to the dressing-room.

Gazzard did not play during the second half.

Gazzard will undergo a

fitness test on Wednesday before the team leaves for Melbourne.

Despite Gazzard's absence, Mayfield beat Lake Macquarie 5-2.

Another new State cap, 17-year-old Dave Cowie, of West Wallsend, gave an outstanding display to enable West Wallsend to beat Adamstown at Adamstown, for the first time in 10 seasons.

Cowie's goal early in the second half equalised the scores.

The winning goal was scored by Ted Baldwin from a rebound.

FIRST GRADE

WEST WALLSEND 2 (D. Cowie, E. Baldwin) d. **ADAMSTOWN** 1 (K. Talbot).
MAYFIELD UNITED 5 (R. Gilson 3, J. Leonard, A. Gazzard) d. **LAKE MACQUARIE** 2 (K. Hicks 2).

RESERVE GRADE

MAYFIELD 1 (G. Jackson) drew with **MACQUARIE WANDERERS** 1 (W. Griffiths).
WESTY BLUEBELLS 4 (N. Kaiser 2, R. Cooper, K. Lake) d. **ADAMSTOWN RANGERS** 2 (A. Lavender 2).

Juniors Raise Hopes

The dual success of the West Wallsend under 16 team in this season's competition has kindled fresh hopes that a team will rise again to rehabilitate the club to its former Soccer supremacy. The team won the premiership, being defeated only once and last Saturday a 5-2 victory over Adamstown gave them the final. This is the first junior title to be won by a West Wallsend team in five years. The lads played outstanding football throughout the season and five players were selected in the Newcastle representative side. Keen judges say the team has all the potentialities of a first class State League combination and compare it with the famous "Westy Woodpeckers" team which began its football in similar manner in the early 1920's.



SEASON 1952

It was back to Northern and Southern Division for 1952. The North would have a 10 team competition. Westy finished in fifth place on the points table in 1st Division but were Premiers and Grand Final winners in reserve grade.

Players - W Fitzpatrick, G Penman, D Bone, E Baldwin, R Hitchcock, T Underwood, R Maxwell, W James, N Hitchcock, D Cowie, R Robertson, K Lake, G Robinson, J Sneddon, A Pugh, A Williams, T Bowie, R Blackie, C Atkinson, N Coutts, R McLaughlin, L Campbell.

Main scorers - E Baldwin - 19, G Penman - 10, D Cowie - 4, R Robertson - 3, R Maxwell - 3, C Atkinson - 2.

Reserve Grand Final Team - B Strang, R Robinson, W James, R McLaughlin, J Sneddon, A Williams, K Lake, R Blackie, R Robertson, N Kaiser, N Coutts.
Result - Westy 4 - Mayfield 2 - R Robertson 2, K Lake 1, N Coutts 1.

Dave Cowie represented NSW against Queensland. NSW 6 - Queensland 3. Dave also along with Dave Bone represented the North against the South.

SEASON 1953

Was in two Divisions - North and South. There were 10 teams in the Northern competition: Westy, Cardiff, Lake Macquarie tied for 4th position on the points table. In a play-off Lake Macquarie defeated Westy 3 - 2. Goals were scored by G Penman and R Atkinson.

Players - D Bone, R Hitchcock, G Penman, J Sneddon, T Underwood, D Cowie, R Blackie, K Lake, G Robinson, W Fitzpatrick, K Grant, R Cooper, R Atkinson, R Robertson, B Grant, F Alley, N Coutts, T Bowie, A Williams.

Main scorers - G Penman - 15, D Cowie - 6, J Sneddon - 5, K Grant - 2, R Cooper - 2.

Dave Bone represented Northern District V China - Cessnock Sports Ground 29.7.53: crowd - 5,000: result - 2 all draw.

SEASON 1954

The competition was conducted with teams in the North and South. Westy ran 6th with 17 points. Their only success in 1948 was winning the Sundale Cup defeating Cardiff 3 - 1 in the Final.

Players - D Bone, W James, Ray Atkinson, R Boslem, J Sneddon, K Grant, K Lake, J Foster, Charlie Atkinson, T Underwood, B Blakey.

Scorers - J Foster, C Atkinson, T Underwood.

Players - W James, K Lake, J Foster, K Grant, B Blakey, J Sneddon, D Bone, T Underwood, R Atkinson, C Atkinson, R Boslem, N Coutts, R Cooper, R Hitchcock, E Keegan, B Strang, D Cowie.

Scorers - B Blakey - 15, J Foster - 14, C Atkinson - 9, T Underwood - 5.

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Dave Bone, Keith Grant, Jack Foster were selected for The Rest to play NSW at Lambert Park: result - NSW 5 - The Rest 4 played on 1.8.54.

Dave Bone selected for the Northern NSW V New Zealand match, Crystal Palace, 29.8.54: result - Northern NSW 1 - New Zealand - 0.

SEASON 1955

Once again 10 teams in the North. Westy finished in second place behind Cessnock on 28 points. After a scoreless draw against Wallsend in the Semi-Final, in the replay at Westy they defeated Wallsend 3 - 1.

Team - D Bone, W James, R Atkinson, R Cooper, J Sneddon, K Grant, K Lake, J Foster, C Atkinson, D Cowie, N Kaiser. Scorers - C Atkinson - 2, D Cowie - 1.

In the final they defeated Cessnock 3 - 2. The team only had one change from above - Don Newton replaced Norm Kaiser.

Scorers - Jim Sneddon - 1, Jack Foster - 2.

The winner of the North played the winner of the South "Corrimal" at Wallsend and the result was Corrimal 8 - Westy 1. The team was as played against Cessnock. Scorer - Don Newton.

Representatives - Olympic Trials North Newcastle V South Newcastle - W James, T Underwood, K Grant, D Cowie, J Foster.

Red XI V Blue XI - D Bone, Ray Atkinson, T Underwood, J Foster, D Newton.

NSW V Victoria, Wallsend, 12.6.55 - D Bone, T Underwood: result - Victoria 2 - NSW 0.

NSW V Austrian Rapids, 2.7.55 - Jack Foster: result - 1 all draw

Northern Division V Rapids at Cessnock - D Bone, Ray Atkinson, D Cowie, D Newton, J Foster: result - Rapids 10 - NNSW 1 - Scorer - Jack Foster.

NSW V South China, Sydney, 23.7.55 - Ray Atkinson, D Cowie: result - South China 2 - NSW 1 - scorer - Dave Cowie.

Players 1955 - J Sneddon, K Lake, C Atkinson, W James, J Foster, D Bone, K Grant, R Atkinson, D Cowie, D Newton, T Underwood, R Cooper, R Blackie, J Wells, J Visser, N Kaiser.

SEASON 1956

Northern and Southern Divisions - Westy and Mayfield tied for 4th place. In a play-off Mayfield won 1 - 0.

Team - D Bone, T Underwood, Ray Atkinson, J Sneddon, R Cooper, K Grant, F Brown, J Foster, W Collins, C Atkinson, R Sangster.

Players representatives -

Olympic Trial East Newcastle V West Newcastle - D Bone, W James, R Atkinson, K Grant, D Cowie: Result - West 5 - East 2: scorer - D Cowie 1.

NSW V Metropolis Sydney, 15.7.56 - T Underwood.

NSW V Northern District, 29.7.56 - NNSW W James, K Grant: result - 1 all draw

NSW V Australian XI, 19.8.56 - K Grant: result - Aust. 1 - NSW 0.

NSW V Queensland Brisbane - Sydney - D Bone.

NSW V Victoria, 5.6.56 - D Bone

Players - T Underwood, F Brown, W James, J Foster, Jim Sneddon, D Bone, R Atkinson, C Atkinson, K Grant, D Newton, R Sangster, R Cooper, T Hugo, D Cowie, W Collins, J Wells, R Nelmes, A Wilson, R Boslem.

Scorers - W Collins - 9, C Atkinson - 9, D Cowie - 8, J Foster - 7, F Brown - 5, K Grant - 5, D Newton - 4, R Cooper - 3, R Sangster - 1.

SEASON 1957

A breakaway occurred in Sydney which did not affect the North. Westy finished third on the points table thus qualifying for the Semi-Final. However, they were defeated 2 - 0 by Wallsend.

Team - D Bone, T Underwood, R Atkinson, K Grant, R Cooper, R Sangster, J Foster, F Brown, W Collins, C Atkinson, D Newton.

Main Appearances in 1957 - T Underwood, D Bone, C Atkinson, D Newton, K Grant, F Brown, W Collins, J Foster, R Cooper, R Sangster, R Atkinson, W James, J Sneddon, R Nelmes, A Wilson, J Wells.

Goal scorers - F Brown - 20, W Collins - 18, C Atkinson - 10, J Foster - 8, D Newton - 4.

Representative honours -

NSW (5) V Queensland (2), Lambert Park, 4.6.57 - Dave Bone

NSW (6) V Queensland (4), Crystal Palace, 5.6.57 - Dave Bone

Northern District (1) V F K Austrian Rapids (4), Cessnock, 3.7.57 - Dave Bone

Northern District (3) V Eastern Athletic (3), Cessnock - Ray Atkinson

Northern District V F K Austrian Rapids, 3.7.57 - Ray Atkinson

SEASON 1958

Westy qualified for the Semi-Finals but were defeated 3 - 0 by Cessnock.

Team - D Bone, T Underwood, A Wilson, R Sangster, R Cooper, K Grant, J Foster, W Green, C Atkinson, K Frew, D Newton.

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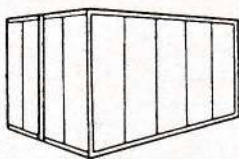
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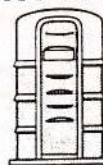
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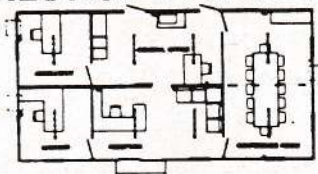
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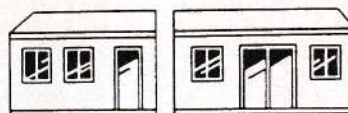
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Players - D Bone, T Underwood, A Wilson, R Sangster, R Cooper, K Grant, J Foster, W Green, C Atkinson, K Frew, D Newton, N Maddison, J Sneddon, G Barr, R Robertson, J Lowe.

Scorers - J Foster - 21, C Atkinson - 13, N Maddison - 7, W Green - 6, K Grant - 5, D Newton - 4, G Barr - 4.

Representative Honours -

NSW (0) V Blackpool (8), Wallsend - K Grant, J Foster

Northern District (1) V Blackpool (6), Cessnock - J Foster

SEASON 1959

Wallsend was the premier team with Westy being the runner up.

Sydney clubs enticed some of the North's top players to join their ranks including B Morrow, R O'Neill, J Pettigrew, P Turella, B Burgoyne, B Lewsam, but no one from Westy.

After playing a 3 all draw with Awaba they defeated that team 4 - 2 in the replay. T Coates scoring 3 and J Foster 1. However, they were defeated 4 - 0 by Wallsend in the Final.

Team - R Martin, R Sangster, A Wilson, T Underwood, R Cooper, K Grant, J Foster, W Green, T Coates, C Atkinson, D Newton. Noel Maddison played in the Semi-Final team in place of R Sangster.

Players - K Grant, R Cooper, T Coates, D Newton, C Atkinson, T Underwood, W Green, A Wilson, J Foster, R Sangster, N Maddison, R Martin, R Kimber, G Barr, R Disney, R Nelmes, R Robertson.

Scorers - T Coates - 24, J Foster - 17, W Green - 12, C Atkinson - 11, D Newton - 10, K Grant - 5, R Sangster - 3, G Barr - 2.

Incidentally world champion snooker player Eddie Charlton played with the Awaba team.

Westy defeated Cessnock in the Semi-Final of the Ampol Cup, 2 goals, 1 corner, 2 no corners but were defeated by Wallsend 3 - 1 in the Final.

Representative Honours -

Australia (1) V Hearts of Midlothian (7), 9.5.59 - J Foster.

Australia (1) V Hearts (6) at Crystal Palace, 10.5.59 - K Grant, J Foster

Northern District (2) V Hearts (8), Newcastle Sports Ground - J Foster, K Grant who also scored one of the goals.

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THERE'S BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS TO COME

(By PAUL MACKENZIE)

One of the most successful Northern Soccer seasons on record should end this weekend leaving behind it a story of a marked and considerable advance in the code and foreshadowing better and bigger things to come. But they will eventuate only if clubs begin to prepare for them right now. Club administration needs to be geared so that it can move into top effect smoothly and efficiently in preparing for next season.

It is certain that many moves will be made during the close season by clubs which realise the necessity to keep moving and to prepare for a season which promises to be the keenest in the North's history.

Some clubs have been working towards 1961 for some months and have made arrangements for the transfer of players already. Clubs which are satisfied to wait a while will be left far behind. This is not the time for the laggard.

The season coming to a close has been a long one - too long, but the interest has been maintained. That was evidenced last Sunday when a big crowd watched the Ascot £500 Cup semi-final match at Wallsend.

No doubt that crowd will be even bettered by that at the final and play-off for third and fourth places this weekend.

Next year, with the introduction of a 10-team premiership, the season will be shortened by a month and plans are to streamline it even more.

Players have been in training since early in January and are now beginning to show the effects of their effort.

They will have only a comparatively short break before making ready for another new season. They have - or most of them

have - given great service to their clubs and the public which has shown its appreciation by providing an all-time record for attendance.

Some teams have come up to expectations while others have disappointed.

We have seen the eclipse of some of the once all-powerful clubs - probably a temporary eclipse, but never-the-less a set back.

TEAMS TO WATCH

The reverses could be valuable - if the clubs affected heed their lessons. Some clubs, and fortunately they are in a majority, have advanced considerably and have shown a sensible ap-

preciation of the need to give young players a chance. They are the teams to watch next season.

The North has not been subject to the quarrels and bitterness which occurred in Sydney and, while there have been disagreements in the Northern League, they have been of minor character and have not interrupted the code's progress.

The Northern Soccer League, as an administrative body has not been perfect, but it has worked well and continually towards its goal. Its planning has, generally, been wise and it has envisaged an

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WEST WALLSEND — Semi-finalists 1960



BACK ROW: N. Maddison, R. Sangster, K. Grant, R. Martin, R. Cooper, R. Disney.
FRONT ROW: W. Green, D. Newton, C. Atkinson, J. Foster, A. Skelly.

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all plan for the future that it is not merely ping forward but able step out boldly towards objectives.

The Northern League administration has rightly held reins. It dealt fairly promptly with problems which came before it, to countenance bickering and was quick to clamp down on the fortunately rare cases of attempted skulduggery. Even the top-line administrators will readily agree that the organisation is far from perfect but it is, at the moment, shaping towards perfection. Once clubs realise that the game is bigger than the club and the club bigger than the player, that the necessity is to work for the game, organisation will be as wanted. And so, while one can find some grounds for criticism of the Northern League there is much more reason to praise it for a job well done.

Its need now is for a serious committee of management which includes enthusiasts without club affiliation or interest, but whose desire is to work help soccer as a whole. Such enthusiasts are available and should be coaxed so that their services are not lost to the code. It is not the purpose of this article to delve too deeply into the season's happenings, since recapitulation is seldom valuable or interesting. Clubs, officials, players know of their errors and should not need reminding of them. It is up to them to see that they do not occur again.

BEAR ON FUTURE

However, there are some matters of general nature which can be looked at, and they bear on the future - and it is to the future that we must look with determination to make continual improvement.

In a front page article the Northern Soccer League News issue of June, we had a headline "Laying Surfaces Need More Attention."

This is what we wrote: "The state of some of the grounds used for top-class matches is sufficiently deplorable to necessitate some action to improve them being taken."

Good soccer cannot be played on rough, uneven

pitches. Such grounds are the greatest leveller in the game since the inferior side without the arts and crafts of the game can upset a side which wants to play soccer where it should be played - on the ground.

The article continued: "Clubs must realise that much of coaching's instruction is lost unless the players have a well turfed and even playing pitch on which to practice and should make as one of their prime aims the acquisition of a playing area which will eliminate the hazards which spoil too many games."

That still stands - more so, in fact, than ever before.

It's true that we won't have the type of soccer we all want to see till grounds improve, because it is a fact that good play goes with good playing pitches.

Grounds need more rolling than they now receive. Some are never rolled and the chance of them coming tip-top playing pitches is hopeless.

FIRST ESSENTIAL

Clubs must do something towards providing a level, well-grassed area for next season so that quality football can be played and to ensure that a quality player is not bereft of his skill by bumps and hollows.

Not even Stanley Matthews or Ferenc Puskas could be expected to play good football on some of the atrocious pitches on which we expect our players to improve.

In the issue of May 26, the headline was "Refereeing in the North in Need of Uplift."

This is what, in part, we wrote: "The standard of refereeing is one of the most discussed phases of Northern soccer at the moment."

That it is not as high as is desired is undoubted and, since the standard of the game depends to a large extent on the standard of refereeing, the point is a moot one.

Take away three of four referees from the Northern panel and few remain who can reach the level of efficiency spectators expect and have the right to expect.

A referee can make or mar a match.

It was suggested that the Northern League committee should be provided with a

list of referees, graded by their own association, and should make the appointments. That is a matter to which the North League could devote some time during the close season. It is a most necessary step.

We have, during the season advocated the return of intercity football in some form, but the Federation of Soccer Clubs has resolutely rejected such suggestions. Why, it is difficult to understand and is a remarkably short-sighted policy. But there seems to be a change of opinion, still only slight admittedly, in some Sydney Soccer quarters and perhaps something will be done for the next season.

MORE PRUNING

We have also constantly advocated a reduction in the number of teams in the Northern League First Division and while, in 1961, Merewether and Charlestown United will play in the Second Division, the need is for a further pruning.

It is evident that the time is fast approaching when only eight teams will be needed in the top division. That leads to the necessity of forming a strong Second Division and then a Third Division, with promotion and relegation a natural sequel.

We have advocated all these things in various articles and firmly believe in the soundness of the idea.

On the matter of relegation of Merewether and Charlestown United we said "It is unfortunate that old friends, as we were, must go but it is essential for the good of the code in general that they do."

Their turn will come again and some of the so-called top teams will surely have their days in the lower grades. The writing is on the wall for some of them and it's very plain to see.

We have also consistently advocated the introduction of an under 19 competition to be followed by under 20 and under 21 competitions to replace the present Alliance League and believe that to be a necessary part of the North's soccer development.

It is another suggestion that the Northern League should examine during the summer months.

These articles have been written because we believe they mirror the thoughts of Soccer's growing army of supporters.

They have appeared in Soccer's own paper - a publication which is moving forward as steadily as the game itself.

When publication is resumed in time for next season, we hope to have a bigger paper for your approval, one containing

more articles, more news from wherever soccer is played and from clubs and, in short, more information about "The Game Which Conquered the World."

And so, like James J. Fitzpatrick, we say a reluctant farewell to another Soccer season, secure in the belief that the game is headed for great days in the North. We say, too, a farewell to you, gentle reader - and a "thank you" for your consistent support.

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West Wallsend

There seems to be no stopping of the "Blues" in the race for premier-ship honours so far this season. Six games for six wins, last weekend's 10-nil win over Charlestown United showing Warren "Wagga" Green the centre-forward find of the year with another four grand goals.

We are unfortunate in losing Bob Martin as our ball manager. Owing to other business, Bob has had to resign his position but our thanks go out to him for his efforts in the past.

A real hard worker for the club is Matt Shields. Whenever there is a working-bee the first man on the job is Matt. He certainly enjoys his soccer - no matter how the weather is, you will find him cheering on Westy.

Noticed Gordon "Gobby" Robinson cheering on the under 18's on Saturday. Soccer fans will remember him as one of the fullback brothers, who gave our club outstanding service. Incidentally, the other half of the combination, Ritchie, has a son Keith in the Under 18 side, a very promising youngster.

Is there a better wing half in the State than Westy we doubt it. A lo-Keith Grant out at cal chap who graduated through the junior ranks into the top side, where he has remained. Keith was considered by many to be unlucky not to be a member of the Olympic Squad, but has since represented Australia against the touring Heart of Midlothian side. He has also appeared for the North against other visiting teams from overseas. At the age of 24, Keith has a very bright soccer future ahead of him.



WALLSEND: Back row, l. to r. J. O'Brien, D. Morrow, J. Lanzoni, W. Paddock, K. Nolan, W. Collins
Front row, J. Morrow, G. Arthur, R. Frame, J. Pee I, R. Gleeson.



WEST WALLSEND: Back row, l. to r. K. Grant (No. 4), N. Maddison, R. Sangster, R. Kimber, R. Cooper, T. Underwood. Front row, D. Newton, C. Atchinson, R. Disney, J. Foster. Absent is T. Coates



SEASON 1960

In a very close premiership Cessnock 32 points, Awaba 31, Westy 31, Wallsend 30, Cessnock defeated Westy 5 - 4 in the Semi-Final.

Team - R Martin, R Disney, A Wilson, N Maddison, R Cooper, R Sangster, J Foster, A Skelly, C Atkinson, W Green, D Newton.

Scorers - J Foster, A Skelly, C Atkinson, D Newton.

Players - K Grant, R Cooper, D Newton, C Atkinson, T Underwood, W Green, A Wilson, J Foster, R Sangster, N Maddison, R Martin, A Skelly, D Newton, R Disney, K Frew, G Barr, B Pearce, A Burt.

Scorers - J Foster - 18, C Atkinson - 16, W Green - 15, R Sangster - 7, A Skelly - 5, K Grant - 4, N Maddison - 4, A Burt - 3, K Frew - 3.

SEASON 1961

Was not the best of seasons finishing in fifth position on the table with 19 points.

Players - L Bradley, A Wilson, R Cooper, J Foster, R Frame (Coach), C Atkinson, K Grant, R Hughes, W Green, N Maddison, R Sangster, K Frew, T Coates, R Martin, D Bird, R Disney, T Underwood, G Eshman.

Scorers - J Foster - 9, T Coates - 9, K Frew - 6, R Frame - 8, C Atkinson - 5, W Green - 3, R Hughes - 4, K Grant - 2, N Maddison - 2.

The reserve grade had a successful season winning the Grand Final by defeating Adamstown 2 - 1.

Team - R Martin, C Coutts, J Mitchell, J Sneddon, L Newton, R Disney, T Eshman, T Underwood, N Maddison, R Hughes

Scorers - K Martin, N Maddison

SEASON 1962

Saw a 10 team competition in the North in which Westy did not make the Semi-Finals.

Players - R Cooper, C Atkinson, A Wilson, K Grant, L Bradley, K Kaiser, R Sangster, R Hughes, R Parkes, J Foster, D Ahrens, J Mitchell, T Underwood, B Pearce, N Kaiser, K Martin, G Barr, J Parry.

Scorers - K Kaiser (now NSW Football coach) - 18, K Grant - 14, C Atkinson - 4, J Foster - 2, D Ahrens - 1.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR TOP 10 SOCCER TEAMS

No. 4: West Wallsend

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TEAM LACKING IN STRENGTH THIS SEASON

— By "SPOT KICK", "The Sun's" Soccer expert

One of the past giants of Northern Soccer, West Wallsend is now a team struggling to raise itself above mediocrity.

Against the wealthier clubs in the district, West Wallsend find the task of tempting budding starlets, or experienced players, to its area an extremely formidable one.

With a hardworking band of committed men, the club has struggled on through rugged financial periods, and yet has always fielded a team which has been hard to beat.

Prospects for the season are not too bright, but this team never knows when a game is lost.

The team for the premiership series will be a blend of extreme youth and experience.

Coach Gordon Conway, a Scot, who took over the team last season, is busy experimenting with the placement of players he has under his command.

In Scotland, Conway coached Vale of Leven, a famous junior club, and he expects and demands that his players be at peak fitness.

Regular goalkeeper is Ray Parkes, one of the most daring keepers in the north. He formerly played with East Lakes and Blacksmiths Rangers, and his brilliant anti-

cipation has proved invaluable to the team.

Fullbacks Tony Underwood and Arthur Wilson are rugged defenders whose strong tackling have thwarted many opposing attacks in the past.

• Underwood in form

Underwood suffered a serious head injury in play two years ago, and it was considered he would never play Soccer again.

—Despite tons of courage

However, the doctors failed to realise the tenacious defender's courage, and last season he played for the reserve grade side, being a grand influence on the young players in the team.

This season, Underwood is back in the top grade side, and has already shown good form in defence.

Arthur Wilson should enjoy his best season ever with the club.

Already he has settled down, his worth being realised by northern selectors, when he was picked to take part in a representative trial recently.

Versatile Rowley Hughes is the present right half in the team.

This former Wallsend player has proved a sound "capture" since his arrival at West Wallsend.

At centre-half is the evergreen Ron Cooper — the "Duke" as he is affectionately known by his team mates. Cooper is a loyal clubman who has always given his best.

He is one of the hardest centre halves in the north to pass. He easily blocks the

goal route to eager opposing centre forwards.

As skipper of the side, he has played in a variety of positions and can be expected to be as versatile as ever.

Completing the defence is local junior Barry Pearce, who is having his first year in senior football.

This long-legged youngster naturally has lots to learn.

He will have his work cut out as he endeavors to help his defence, as well as pushing the passes through to his forwards.

• Talented youngster

The formation of the forward line might best be chosen out of a hat at present, but teenagers John Singhalowes and Les Donkin will be given opportunities to earn their spurs in the senior XI.

Warren "Wagga" Green provides the team's merriment, as there is never a dull moment, whether in victory or defeat, with this effervescent forward in the vicinity.

He was formerly a regular member of the Wallsend side before being transferred to West Wallsend, and has played



• R. Parkes



• R. Cooper



• T. Underwood



• W. Green



• B. Pearce



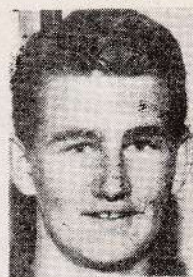
• L. Donkin



• A. Wilson



• A. Hughes



• D. Ahrens



• K. Kaiser



• J. Singhalowes

an outstanding season in 1962 when he finished third top goal scorer in the Northern League.

Still in his teens, Kaiser is a clever goal snatcher who has lacked the support he needs so far this season.

His understanding with Keith Grant last year was a problem most Newcastle defences failed to solve, with goals coming regularly to this talented youngster.

Former international Keith Grant will be available for the match against Newcastle on Sunday.

Grant, one of the most cultured players in the north over the past few seasons, earlier had considered transferring out of West after 10 years' local service.

His inclusion in the defence will add a touch of much-needed solidity.

• Threadbare attack

It is no wonder the present attack has such a threadbare look with the absence of Grant and of Jack Foster.

Both these players attained representative honors, and Foster has decided to hang up his boots after a fairly short but admirable Soccer career.

Charlie Atkinson remains with the side, and is liable to pop up in any position in the attack, where his shrewd

positional skill is of great value.

Most noticeable absences from the defence so far this year is Bob Sangster, whose 6'3" tall frame can so easily be distinguished on the playing field.

This tall half back towers over most of his opponents and yet is extremely nimble in his control of the ball.

With an astute footballing brain, Sangster has become one of the North's best attacking wing halves.

His return to the team, after a pre-season trial match knee injury, which put him out of action, is eagerly awaited.

Other team positions in early premiership matches could be gained by David Ahrens, John Mitchell, George Barr and Charlie Coutts, and other young prospects coming up in grade.

West Wallsend probably will not win the Northern League premiership, but could spoil some more fancied combinations' chances in the months ahead.

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A club with a fine past

Founded in 1896, the West Wallsend "Bluebells" have a grand array of honors.

The club reached its golden years in the 1920-28 era, when its sequence of successes in the Gardiner Cup won it fame in all parts of the Commonwealth.

The last major trophy to come Westy's way was the Daniels Cup in 1957.

How the old and loyal supporters of the club must have happy memories of past "greats" like "Podge" Maunders, Charlie and Jack Coutts, Wagga James, the late Dick Sneddon, Ern

Robertson, Frank Coolahan, and so many others who have graced the game in the West Wallsend colors.

Three years ago, the club purchased Johnson Park from the Caledonian Coal Company, and in this time great improvements have been made to the playing pitch itself, and to the facilities at the ground.

Credit for the work carried out must go to the hard-working committee, and to the Joint Coal Board and the West Wallsend Workers' Club for their assistance.

Here is the club's record—

- Gardiner Cup: 1900-01, 1921, 1923-24, 1926.
- Kerr Cup: 1918-19-20, 1922, 1924.

- Ellis Cup: 1900-01, 1919, 1921, 1925-26.
- State Association Cup: 1930.
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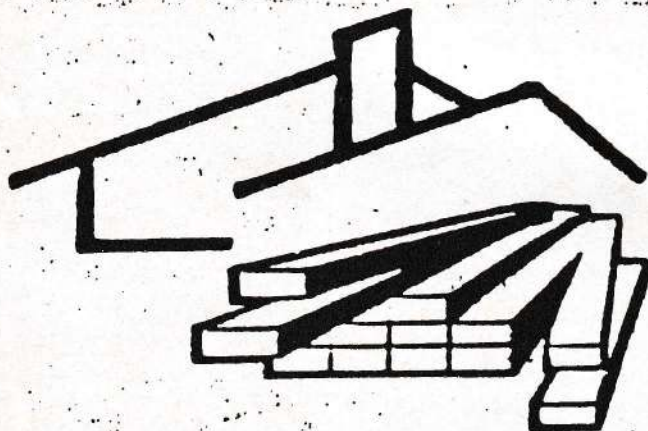
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In the Craven A Weston defeated Westy 3 - 2 and in the Ampol Cup Cessnock won 2 - 0. Both in early rounds.

Representative Honours -

David Ahrens was selected in the Northern NSW V Chelsea match at the Newcastle Sports ground - Chelsea 6 - NNSW 2.

SEASON 1966

Westy reached the Semi-Final finishing fourth to Adamstown, Australs, Hamilton Azzurri.

In the Semi-Final they defeated Azzurri 2 - 1 - Scorers - W Green, J Hugo. However, in the Final they were defeated 4 - 3 by Adamstown.

Team - W Armstrong, S Harris, A Wilson, B Pearce, B Tapp, J Easton, J Hugo, T Yeates, D Ahrens, W Green, J Smith.

Scorers - D Ahrens, W Green, J Smith.

Players - A Wilson, B Pearce, J Easton, J Hugo, D Ahrens, W Armstrong, B Tapp, T Yeates, W Green, J Smith, J Turner, S Harris, D Attwood, K Bush, J Cummings, T Such.

Scorers - J Hugo - 9, D Ahrens - 4, W Green - 2, T Yeates - 2, B Pearce - 2.

Roma was a visiting team.

SEASON 1967

This was not one of the good seasons finishing in 7th place of a 20 team competition.

John Barr of Cessnock was coach. Manchester United was a touring team which included George Best, Bob Charlton, Nobby Stiles.

Westy finished 3rd in the Ampol Cup and 4th in the Craven A competition.

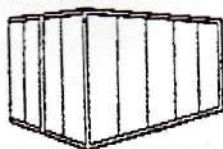
Team - D Woods, G Craig, S Harmey, S Harris, A Wilson, J Barr, J Hugo, C Pendlebury, Paul John, D Ahrens, B Foster.

Players - D Ahrens, S Harris, G Craig, A Wilson, J Hugo, W Armstrong, P John, C Pendlebury, J Barr, J Cummings, B Tapp, J Smith, J Easton, K Bush, B Pearce, K Cummings, S Harmey.

Scorers - D Ahrens - 10, J Barr - 10, J Hugo - 7, C Pendlebury - 4, P John - 2, K Cummings - 4.

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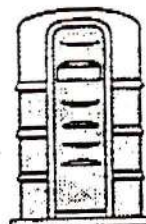
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SEASON 1968

Was a bad season finishing in last position on the table which meant they were to be relegated to Second Division under the promotion and relegation system. They did however do much better in the Ampol Cup being defeated 2 - 1 by Australs in the Final.

Team - W Armstrong - G Craig, J Easton, S Harris, A Wilson, J Cummings, C Pendlebury, J Hugo, P John, S Harmey, K Cummings.

Scorer - J Hugo.

Players - A Wilson, J Cummings, J Hugo, S Harris, C Pendlebury, D Ahrens, G Craig, P John, S Harmey, J Easton, T O'Neill, G Smith, K Cummings, G Easton, J Barr, W Armstrong, P Kemp, S Woods.

Scorers - D Ahrens - 7, J Hugo - 7, K Cummings - 3, C Pendlebury - 3, P John - 2, S Harmey - 1.

Cardiff was a visiting team.

SEASON 1969

After being the wooden-spooners for 1968 Westy gained a reprieve from relegation by the Northern Federation deciding on a 12 team competition from 10 for season 1969. However, once again the season was disappointing finishing in tenth position.

They were however defeated by Belmont Swansea in the Semi-Final of the Ampol Cup after playing 2 draws, 2 all, 1 all, 5 - 1.

Team - W Armstrong, W Strang, S O'Neill, S Mabbott, J Kaiser, G Craig, C Pendlebury, A Durkot, S Harmey, D Ahrens, P John.

Players - C Pendlebury, S Harmey, S O'Neill, J Kaiser, S Mabbott, K Hamilton, P John, A Durkot, D Ahrens, W Strang, A Blaker, J Easton, R Jack, W Armstrong, J Cummings, C Sinclair, S Harris, M Prince, W Grimwood.

Scorers - P John - 6, D Ahrens - 5, A Durkot - 4, C Pendlebury - 5, S Harmey - 2, A Blaker - 3, S O'Neill - 1.

SEASON 1970

Once again Westy was lucky to escape relegation back to Second Grade. This time they finished in last position equal with New Lambton but fortunately for Westy they had a better goal average which kept them in 1st Division.

Players - S Harmey, D Ahrens, S Mabbott, P John, W Armstrong, G Craig, J Sneddon, J Kaiser, C Pendlebury, A Durkot, G Jackson, R Jackson, J Smith, R Bowles, A Condon, P Kemp, S Harris, W Grimwood, C Coutts, A Blaker, K Hamilton, R Kaiser, M Prince, W Pearce, K Kaiser.

Scorers - D Ahrens - 12, S Harmey - 7, C Pendlebury - 5, R Bowles - 5, P John - 4, A Durkot - 2, P Kemp - 1, J Kaiser - 1.

SEASON 1971

In a 12 team competition the season was once again a difficult one finishing level with Cessnock in last place on 15 points. Weston was premier and Grand Final winners yet the two games resulted in Weston winning 4 - 2 and 3 - 2 which showed there was not a great difference in bottom and top.

Players - S Mabbott, J Sneddon, D Jones, S Harmey, J Condon, D Ahrens, A Durkot, Col Coutts, C Pendlebury, K Whitmore, W Grimwood, P John, R Bowles, W Pryce, P Kenny, A Blaker, G Craig, J Bowie, B Dixon, J Smith, W Armstrong, P Gee, W Lonsdale.

Scorers - K Whitmore - 13, S Harmey - 8, A Durkot - 4, C Coutts - 3, R Bowles - 2, W Pryce - 1, J Condon - 1.

SEASON 1972

After four bad seasons 68, 69, 70 and 71, to finish in the top four on the table in 1972 was a grand feeling and a relief to the Club that battled so hard.

Weston 32 points, Toronto Awaba 29, Westy 26, Lake Macquarie 26.

In the Semi-Final Westy defeated Lake Macquarie 2 - 0.

Scorers - D Ahrens - 1, Ken Kaiser - 1.

After playing a 1 all draw with Awaba in the Final, Awaba defeated them 3 - 2 in the replay.

Team for both games was - R Kaiser, B Pryce, S O'Neill, S Mabbott, J Sneddon, J Kaiser, C Pendlebury, C Coutts, D Ahrens, A Durkot, K Kaiser.
Yes, the 3 Kaisers were brothers - Robbie - John - Ken.

This was the season that Ray Fielden played with the Club and a lot of supporters rated him as one of the best half backs to have worn a blue shirt.

Coach Gordon Conway discovered him at the University but unfortunately his job took him to Queensland before the season ended. I believe he had a bad motor cycle accident while up there.

In the State Cup, Westy beat Granville 2 - 1 but were beaten 1 - 0 by Pan Hellenic, Sydney.

Players - S Mabbott, J Kaiser, J Sneddon, C Pendlebury, Col Coutts, R Kaiser, D Ahrens, K Kaiser, A Durkot, S O'Neill, B Pryce, R Fielden, S Harmey, J Bowie, D Jones, P Gee, R Hendler, W Grimwood.

Scorers - A Durkot - 14, D Ahrens - 12, Ken Kaiser - 7, Col Coutts - 6, R Fielden - 3, C Pendlebury - 3, S Harmey - 1.

SEASON 1973

Westy failed to make the top four but scored 28 points which was an average season as the competition was for 14 teams. Weston, Adamstown, Lake Macquarie, Toronto Awaba were the top 4.

Westy defeated Wallsend 3 - 1 in the Semi-Final of the Ampol Cup.

Scorers - J Sneddon, A Durkot, S Harmey.

However, Weston defeated them 2 - 0 in the Final

Team - R Kaiser, J Roderick, S O'Neill, S Mabbott, J Sneddon, Col Coutts, D Hoddle, B Pryce, S Harmey, A Durkot, K James.

Players - B Pryce, R Kaiser, A Durkot, K James, J Kaiser, D Ahrens, J Sneddon, S Harmey, S Mabbott, D Hoddle, Col Coutts, Steve Coutts, P Kemp, S O'Neill, R Bailey, C Pendlebury, J Roderick, W Grimwood, S Mulawa, D Jones, R Nelmes, P Gee, H Faith, S Cox.

Scorers - D Ahrens - 18, A Durkot - 15, D Hoddle - 10, S Coutts - 4, J Sneddon - 2, K James - 2, S O'Neill - 1, C Coutts - 1.

Representative Honours -

John Sneddon - Northern NSW V Hitachi, Japan - Macquarie Field, 2.3.73.

SEASON 1974

The competition was of 14 teams and once again Westy made the top four. New Lambton 37, Weston 35, Adamstown 35, Westy 33.

In the semi-final Adamstown defeated them 3 - 2.

Team - D Jones, P Gee, B Pryce, Andy Robertson, J Sneddon, Steve Coutts, D Hoddle, S Mabbott, D Ahrens, A Durkot, K James.

Scorers - J Sneddon, D Ahrens.

Players - S Mabbott, J Sneddon, K James, B Pryce, A Robertson, D Hoddle, D Jones, A Durkot, A Piggott, D Ahrens, S Coutts, C Coutts, P Gee, S Harmey, R Clarke, D McManus, T Morris.

Scorers - S Coutts - 15, A Durkot - 14, D Ahrens - 10, D Hoddle - 8, K James - 6, A Piggott - 7, S Harmey - 3, A Robertson - 2.

Representative Honours -

Ken James - Northern NSW V Auckland, Macquarie Field, 23.3.74 in which he also scored. Ken is a grandson of Wagga James Senior.

Steve and Col Coutts are brothers and are also grandsons of Clarrie Coutts Senior.

Both Clarrie and Wagga are well known for their feats in the early days of the Bluebells.

WEST WALLSEND BLUEBELLS, 1974

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Coach:
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D. Hoddie
K. James
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J. Barrie

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J. Sneddon
P. Walker
D. Ahrens
P. Geer
S. Mabbott
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E. Brown

ABSENT PLAYERS:

A. Durkot
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A. Piggott
S. Coutts
C. Coutts
R. Clarke

Team Manager:
R. Barnes



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SEASON 1975

Westy finished third on the table in a 14 team competition. Adamstown (Premier), Weston and Edgeworth were the other qualifiers.

In the semi-final Westy defeated Edgeworth 1 - 0 in a local derby. Scorer - Ken James.

However, Adamstown defeated them 2 - 1 in the Final.

Team for both games - P Williams, A Robertson, S Coutts, D McManus, J Sneddon, B Kemp, J Turnbull, K James, S Werrin, D Hoddle, P Kemp.
B Kemp and P Kemp are brothers.

Players - P Williams, B Pryce, D McManus, S Coutts, P Kemp, J Sneddon, D Hoddle, A Robertson, S Werrin, C Coutts, J Turnbull, K James, P Gee, S Mabbott, A Piggott, A Durkot, J Whitmore, D Ahrens, D Jones, R Bailey, J Woolfrey, B Kemp.

Scorers - A Durkot - 14, S Werrin - 11, J Turnbull - 11, K James - 10, J Sneddon - 3, D Hoddle - 3, A Robertson - 3, S Coutts - 2.

Representative Honours -

John Sneddon - Northern NSW V Middlesborough, Newcastle Sports Ground, 18.5.75. Score - NNSW 0 - Middlesborough 8.

SEASON 1976

Was a 12 team competition in which Westy finished in 7th position on 20 points.

Players - P Williams, B Pryce, D McManus, J Sneddon, S Coutts, A Robertson, D Hoddle, A Piggott, S Werrin, J Turnbull, K James, G Jones, P Kemp, S Mabbott, C Coutts, J Woolfrey, B Kemp, P Gee, A Eacott.

Goal scorers - S Werrin - 11, J Sneddon - 9, J Turnbull - 8, K James - 4, D Hoddle - 4.

Tottenham Hotspurs toured Australia.

Best performance 4 - 0 won against Cessnock. However Lake Macquarie defeated them 6 - 1.

SEASON 1977

In a 12 team Northern Division competition Westy scored 25 points and finished in 5th position on the table.

Players - P Williams, P Gee, J Sneddon, S Coutts, D McManus, Steve Bland, G Fitts, J Bullock, D Harrison, S Werrin, K James, S Mabbott, C Doyle, A Durkot, D O'Brien, P Dewhurst, L Adams, W Pryce.

Goal scorers - S Werrin - 10, D Harrison - 7, K James - 7, A Durkot - 3, J Sneddon - 3, S Bland - 3, C Doyle - 2, S Coutts - 2.

WEST WALLSEND SOCCER

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Peter Dewhurst

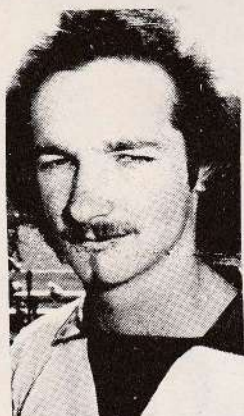


STEPHEN BLAND

Adam Dorkot



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"Harold Whitelaw" Best and Fairest Player for season 1976.

JOHN SNEDDON: (Captain) Graduated from the junior ranks, already



has outstanding success' winning NBN 3 Player of the Year in 1974 and represented district on several Occasions. Presently selected to tour New Zealand in May.



JOHN BULLOCK: Having his first year with the club, previously played with Hamilton Azzurri and Belmont-Swansea. A cool player with good ball control.



DON HARRISON: A former long serving Belmont-Swansea player, joined the club this year. Has played some outstanding football over the years with very little recognition. Kelly his father, played with the club in the forties.



Paul Gee



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1st April, 1977

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Dear Sir,

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West Wallsend.

West Wallsend gained their first major trophy by winning the "Gardiner Cup", the Rolls Royce of Soccer in the year 1900. They repeated this performance in years 1901 - 21 - 23 - 24 - 26. It is said that the twenties to the thirties were the Clubs most outstanding period and I don't think anyone connected with the club would dispute this with such famous names as the "James" - "Coutts" - "Sneddon" - "Maunder" and many others who wore the blue shirts in those days.

In recent years, trophies have not come easy and in fact, despite some outstanding efforts, the last major trophy won was the State Cup back in 1945. However since that date on several occasions we have reached semi-finals and finals without having the luck to win the vital game.

Last Year we finished sixth in the premiership and in 1974 and 1975 we qualified for the semi-finals.

Recent coaches to the Club have been Gordon Conway, Ian Thompson and this year we are fortunate enough to have Englishman Peter Dewhurst. Peter has a wealth of experience playing in England and in recent years locally. Already he has shown this to be so and he is silently confident that along with the players the drought is about to break.

Officials for this season are President - Tom Morris, Secretary - Errol Duck, Treasurer - Brian Brown, Team Manager - Bob Barnes, Ambulanceman - Ray Freeman, Life Members - D.McColl, E.Craig, T.Brown, T.Newton, W.Sneddon, J.Cummings, D.Ahrens, D.Turnbull.

Some fifteen (15) years ago, the Club purchases Johnsons Oval from the Caledonian Coal Company and the years since have not been easy to maintain and improve the ground. In fact, it has been a very difficult task and both the Ladies and Men's Committees have had to work hard to fulfil this obligation. Incidentally, any ladies or girls who would like to assist our Club would be very welcome.

This year it is hoped to improve the lighting with money raised by the Supporters Club and under the guidance of Paul Walker.

This year players are as follows:-

PHIL WILLIAMS: Goal-keeper. A former mayfield player joined the club three years ago and has been a regular ever since. Won the late "Harold Whitelaw" best and fairest player for season 1976.

TREVOR MORRIS: Goal-keeper. A local boy who has come through the junior ranks. Showing plenty of promise.

BILL PRYCE: A regular player over the last five years, a personality both on and off the field.

- DAVID MCMANUS: Solid defender who after spending his junior play with the club played with Wallsend and Belmont-Swansea in Seniors. Rejoined the club in 1975 - a local boy.
- JOHN SNEDDON: (Captain) Graduated from the junior ranks, already has outstanding success winning NBN 3 Player of the Year in 1974 and represented district on several occasions. Presently selected to tour New Zealand in May.
- STEVEN COUTTS: Very promising young local player whose future is assured through his steady and determined play. Incidentally, he is the grandson of famous Clarrie Coutts.
- SEL MABBOTT: Assistant Coach. Joined the club six years ago from South Wallsend club. Has been a regular ever since - a player who always gives of his best.
- GREG FITTS: Having his first year with the club coming over from Edgeworth. Has had 1st grade experience with Wallsend and Belmont-Swansea. We welcome him to the club.
- CEIRON DOYLE: A newcomer to the club from Belmont-Swansea. A player with good ball control and we wish him well.
- ADAM DURKOT: Good to see him back after a year with Lake Macquarie. The blue shirt seems to suit him. Outstanding ball player who can change a game in a twinkle with his control and penetration.
- KEN JAMES: A young player with plenty of experience. Has represented the North with distinction, non stop style of player who makes it very difficult for the opposition.
- STEVE WERRIN: Small in size, big in heart. Great opportunist goal scorer. Has represented the North, joined the club two years ago from Toronto-Awaba.
- DON HARRISON: A former long serving Belmont-Swansea player, joined the club this year. Has played some outstanding football over the years with very little recognition. Kelly, his father, played with the club in the forties.
- LARRY ADAMS: A promising local player who after playing his junior soccer with the club transferred to Edgeworth. Good to see him back.
- JOHN BULLOCK: Having his first year with the club, previously played with Hamilton Azzuri and Belmont-Swansea. A cool player with good ball control.
- PAUL GEE: Been with the club three years coming from Cardiff, always shown promise with his speed and determination.

Thanking you and remain,

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Best performance 5 - 0 win against Central Coast - Wallsend defeated them 5 - 0.

Representative Honours -

John Sneddon and Steve Coutts - Northern NSW tour of New Zealand.

SEASON 1978

Scoring 16 points placed Westy in 9th position in a 12 team competition.

Players - P Williams, P Gee, D McManus, S Brown, S Coutts, Robbie Herd, G Fitts, S Bland, John Foster, J Bullock, K James, C Coutts, P Wilson, M Strickland, S Mabbott, J Sneddon, R Davies, A Eacott, M Maher, K Atkinson, S Cox, T Morris.

Goal scorers - P Wilson - 6, K James - 4, G Fitts - 4, R Davies - 2, S Coutts - 3, A Eacott - 1, S Cox - 1, M Maher - 1.

Best performance 2 - 0 win against Adamstown who finished 4th. Weston defeated them 5 - 0.

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SEASON 1979

Was not the best of seasons finishing second last on the table of 12 teams.

Players - C Grills, P Gee, J Bullock, T Barber, M Maher, R Polworth, C Coutts, W Shipley, K Atkinson, M Dempsey, P Wilson, R Davies, J Sneddon, John Foster, J Woolfrey, M Strickland, S Coutts, S Disch, T Botham, A Eacott, R Herd, P Pont.

Scorers - S Disch - 4, C Coutts - 3, M Maher - 3, P Wilson - 4, W Shipley - 2, S Coutts - 2, J Woolfrey - 2.

SEASON 1980

The Northern Federation formed a State League containing clubs from Coffs Harbour, Tamworth City, Clarence Valley, Armidale. Clubs were invited to be part of same and due to the doubt of its success as well as the entry fee Westy decided to remain in 1st Division.

1st Division consisted of 12 clubs. Westy finished in the top 4 and defeated Red Star 3 - 1. Scorers - W Shipley - 1, Paul Wilson - 2. However, in the final they were defeated 2 - 0 by Hamilton Azzurri at Austral Park on 21.9.80.

Team for both games - C Grills, M Duff, G Niznik, J Bullock, S Coutts, W Shipley, S Disch, R Davies, P Wilson, A Durkot, M Dempsey.

Players - C Grills, A Eacott, G Niznik, J Bullock, S Coutts, M Strickland, S Disch, M Dempsey, K Atkinson, A Durkot, N Hardes, W Shipley, P Wilson, R Davies, G Frame, M Duff, G McCabe, A Blanch.

Scorers - S Disch - 10, P Wilson - 9, A Durkot - 8, M Dempsey - 5, W Shipley - 3, N Hardes - 2, S Coutts - 1, G Niznik - 1.

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Westy Reserves finished second and won the major semi-final 3 - 0 against Lake Macquarie and also defeated that team 1 - 0 in the grandfinal - K Atkinson being the scorer.

SEASON 1981

Federation carried on with the State League but it was apparent already that cost and standard of play meant the venture was sure to fail. Westy once again participated in the 12 team 1st Division finishing in the top 4. They played Edgeworth at Stewart & Lloyd in the Semi-final, the score being 1 all.

Scorer - S Disch. A penalty shootout occurred in which Westy won 4 to 3.

Scorers - S Disch, G Niznik, A Eacott, B Duma.

In the final at Edgeworth, Hamilton Azzurri defeated Westy 2 - 1. Scorer - S Disch.

Team - C Grills, M Strickland, J Bullock, M Duff, S Coutts, G Niznik, B Duma, S Disch, B Baldwin, W Shipley, T Blanch. A Durkot replaced B Duma.

Scorer - S Disch (Penalty)

Players - C Grills, M Strickland, J Bullock, M Duff, S Coutts, S Disch, B Duma, A Durkot, B Baldwin, W Shipley, D O'Brien, N Harde, A Blanch, T Wilkins, G Niznik, A Eacott, M Dempsey, C Coutts, B Power, K Atkinson, M Franks.

Scorers - S Disch - 14, B Duma - 17, W Shipley - 9, B Baldwin - 6, J Bullock - 2, S Coutts - 2, A Durkot - 1, T Blanch - 1.

Reserve grade was defeated by Edgeworth 2 - 1 in the Final. Scorer - A Durkot.

Under 19s were successful as Premiers but were defeated by Highfields Azzurri in a penalty shootout 4 to 3 after a 1 all draw in the Major Semi-final. However, they came back and won the Final against Edgeworth 2 - 1.

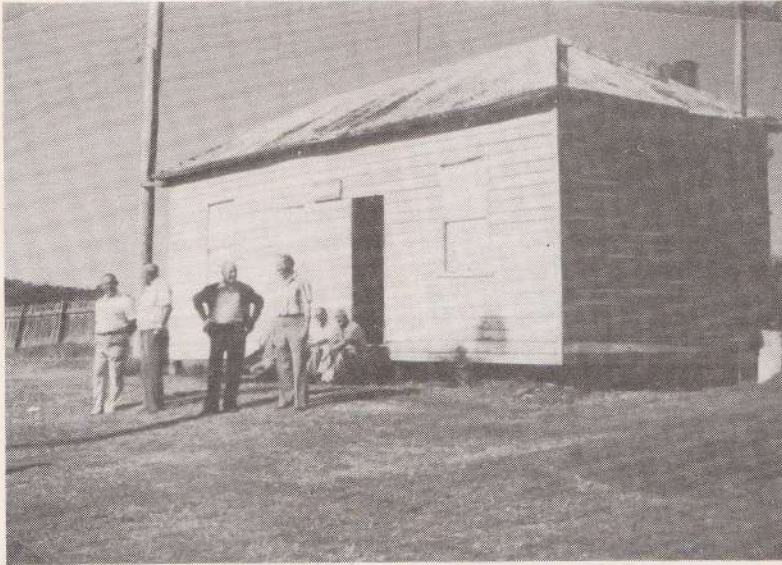
In the grandfinal against Azzurri the scores were again 1 all - scorer - P Field, but this time Westy won the shootout 4 to 3. Good Effort.

Team - M Franks, L Bashford, T O'Shea, G Callaghan, G Young, V Anderson, R Goulding, G Walton, W Anderson, R Sidebottom, P Field. Greg Callagan and B Corrigan came on as replacements.



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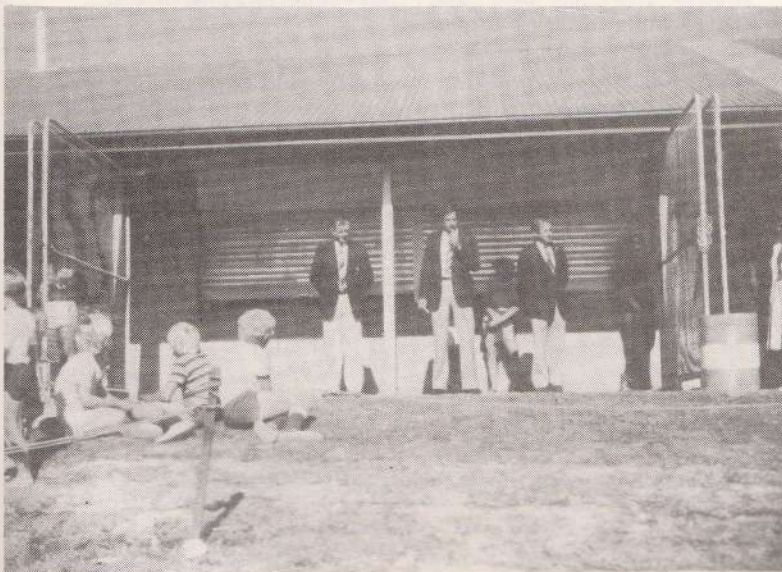
Bill Dent,
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Les Brown,
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Opening of the
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Ken Martin,
Gary Baldwin,
Ken Booth MLA



Crowd attending
opening of new
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West Wallsend
Soccer Ground
G Penman,
T Bowie,
J Oliver,
T Baldwin,
E Craig



New amenities for 'Westy'

Lake Macquarie Municipal Council is expected to spend \$60,000 on an amenities building at Johnson Park, West Wallsend, to bring it up to the standard required by the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

West Wallsend Soccer Club, one of the oldest in the

Hunter area, has been told that existing facilities are not acceptable for senior soccer.

The new building will include two change rooms, a gear store, referees' room, a kiosk and store and public toilets.

The contract for the build-

ing should be called in April.

The council's Director of Community Services, Mr Caldwell, told the community services committee on Monday that half of the estimated cost for the building would be met by the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.

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SEASON 1982

Was quite a successful season in finishing in third position on the points table with 25 points - scored 25 goals - 17 against.

In the Minor Semi-final they defeated Adamstown 2 - 0. The final was played at Macquarie field against Lake Macquarie and at the final whistle the score was 1 all. Goal scorer - D Fenwick. In a penalty shootout Westy won 5 to 4.

The Grandfinal was played at the International Sports Centre against Weston. Weston won 2 - 0 in a disappointing match which was televised by NBN 3.

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Bears sink Westy's hopes of ending soccer drought

By ALLYN HAMONET, Soccer Writer

THE light rain which fell at the International Sports Centre on Saturday afternoon seemed to reflect West Wallsend's fortune in losing 2-0 to Weston the Northern Soccer Federation (NSF) State first division grand final.

The rain was not 'drought-breaking' but it did fall. Likewise, West Wallsend appeared in its first grand final since 1963 but could not end its 19-year dry spell of premier-ships.

Second-half goals by John J. Turnbull and David Sweeney wrapped up yet another Weston premiership, its sixth in first division since 1971. It also won last year's State League grand final, a NSF competition which lapsed this season.

As he has done so successfully since joining the Bears' first grade team in the early 1970's, Turnbull again proved the opportunist striker with the ability to punish defensive lapses.

His goal in the 69th minute was evidence. He snapped up a pass which rolled loose in the West Wallsend back four, carried the ball

into the penalty area and found the net high in the corner to give Weston a 1-0 lead.

Six minutes later he sealed the title for Weston with another piece of poaching, this time on the right wing. His low cross into the penalty area found David Sweeney with space to volley home the second goal.

In the dressing room after the match Weston coach Derek Thompson described the win as 'satisfying' and paid tribute to Turnbull and central defender Ian Bannon.

Turnbull could not remember his tally of goals in grand finals but none were more satisfying than Saturday's, he said.

For Bannon, 23, it was the second time in as many seasons that the Englishman had given a mighty grand final performance. Last season a Bannon goal gave Weston a 1-0 victory over Stewarts and Lloyds.

A tribute should be paid to the West Wallsend players. While the standard of Saturday's match fell well below expectations, the Westy

camp had no excuses to cover its disappointing display.

The players conceded they were not equal to the day's task. They had disappointed themselves as much as the crowd of 4513, which was the largest grand final attendance in five seasons according to NSF officials.

The criticism was not completely warranted. With so much depending on the game's outcome grand finalists seldom show top form and Saturday's match was simply a product of pressure and two teams that hold healthy respect for one another.

Westy had its moments. The best of the day was in the 12th minute when striker Brett Baldwin rounded two defenders and hit a blistering drive which rebounded off the crossbar. Both Weston and West Wallsend camps said after the game that things would have been different had Baldwin scored.

Apart from that West Wallsend answered the second Weston goal with a stirring comeback that was shortlived but in which Weston striker Russell Mansley preserved his team's lead with a goal line clearance.



David Sweeney scores Weston's second goal in the 2-0 Northern Soccer Federation grand final victory over West Wallsend at the International Sports Centre on Saturday.

Team - C Grills, D Fenwick, J Bullock, M Duff, S Coutts, John Georgeff, S Disch, W Shipley, B Baldwin, B Johnson, G Storey, A Durkot, A Eacott.

Players - C Grills, P Hodges, J Bullock, G Coote, S Coutts, N Hardes, M Duff, J Georgeff, B Baldwin, G Storey, W Shipley, S Disch, T Blanch, M Franks, M Strickland, B Johnson, A Durkot, M Dempsey, G Callaghan, B Power, S Green.

Goal scorers - S Disch - 5, B Baldwin - 4, B Johnson - 2, M Duff - 2, G Storey - 2, P Hodges - 2, J Georgeff - 3, S Coutts - 1, W Shipley - 1, J Bullock - 1, M Dempsey - 1, A Eacott - 1.

SEASON 1983

Westy finished in 4th position on the table thus qualifying to play in the Semi-final which was against Adamstown. Adamstown won 5 - 0.

Team - C Grills, A Eacott, J Bullock, S Coutts, J Sneddon, G Storey, S Disch, M Dempsey, B Baldwin, W Shipley, B Johnson.

Players - C Grills, D Wilson, A Eacott, J Sneddon, S Coutts, A Durkot, N Hardes, G Storey, B Baldwin, W Shipley, M Sullivan, I Johns, J B Turnbull, John Youngberry, J Bullock, B Johnson, S Disch, M Dempsey, P Field, S Green.

Scorers - W Shipley - 5, B Baldwin - 4, M Dempsey - 4, S Coutts - 2, J Sneddon - 2, A Durkot - 2, I Johns - 2, G Storey - 1.

SEASON 1984

Was a most successful season scoring 39 points which equalled Cardiff at the top of the table but unfortunately once again percentages were taken into account with Cardif gaining the Honours.

However, in the major semifinal Westy was successful after a 1 all draw winning the penalty shoot out to take them into the grandfinal.

In the grandfinal the reverse happened with Weston winning the penalty shoot out after a scoreless draw.

So all in all after a successful year, no Honours came our way.

Team Grandfinal - C Grills, Phil Dewhurst, M Twohill, G Wand, D Wilson, R Green, S Wilson, A Stamp, B Porter, L True, K Harris, W Shipley, T Donaghue.

Main Players - C Grills, M Strickland, G Wand, T Wilkins, M Twohill, D Wilson, T Foot, B Baldwin, S Piggott, L True, W Shipley, W Doley, R Green, B Porter, K Harris, A Stamp, S Wilson, T Donaghue, Phil Dewhurst.

Scorers - A Stamp - 4, W Shipley - 4, B Porter - 3, L True - 2, B Baldwin - 2, G Wand - 1, D Wilson - 1, S Piggott - 1, R Green - 1, T Wilkins - 1.

This year proved a milestone with Westy winning the Club Championship. A great achievement for it showed the strength of the 3 teams - Under 19s - Reserves - 1st Division.



Pair out to emulate fathers' feats

By ALLYN HAMONET, Soccer Writer

TWO of the West Wallsend players in tomorrow's Northern NSW Soccer Federation first division major semi-final against Cardiff at Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens, will be following a trail cut by their fathers 21 years ago.

Robbie Green and David Wilson need no reminders about West Wallsend's fortunes in the 1963 first division season when the club was also pipped on goal difference for the minor premiership and finished the season without a medal after losing its way in the semi-final rounds as well.

Green's father, the legendary 'Wagga' Green, and Arthur Wilson were both members of the West Wallsend side that surrendered the minor title to Wallsend. So, too, was Westy coach Ken Kaiser.

It is no coincidence that the surnames re-appear this year when West Wallsend is well-positioned to break the premiership drought.

Wilson, filling the left fullback's role also occupied by his father, has been one of West Wallsend's finds this season and is a footballer for whom Kaiser predicts a bright future.

He has helped form a defensive wall that has been the hardest of any to crack this season, conceding only 11 goals in 18 matches.

There is some doubt whether Wilson will be able to take the field tomorrow. He has been ill this week and there is concern that the trouble may be glandular fever.

For an epitome of West Wallsend's fighting spirit one need look no further than 20-year-old Green in the midfield.

'He has an exceptional level of energy and is one lad that doesn't know when he's beaten,' Kaiser says of the slightly-built Green.

A bricklayer, it was Green who almost laid the foundation for a West Wallsend minor premiership two weeks ago when his non-stop performance cut holes through Adamstown Rosebud to give Westy a win and, temporarily, the premiership lead.

Westy lost out again after Cardiff beat Hamilton Red Star last weekend to join Westy at the top on 39 points and lift the trophy with a superior goal difference.

Cardiff coach Warren Anderson pointed out yesterday that not having beaten West Wallsend this season could actually work to Cardiff's advantage.

To win the second division grand final in the past two seasons, Cardiff has had to overcome a bogy team each time.

Last year it was Austral United, which Cardiff had not beaten until the two met in the major semi-final, and in 1982 it was Doyalsong that Cardiff beat for the first time in the grand final.

This season West Wallsend won the first round match 2-1 and scored again in the second round by 4-2 in one of the best games of the season.

The Cardiff team will line up differently to the formation that gave the club the minor premiership, due mainly to the loss of striker Scott Haynes.

Cardiff's two most likely replacements, Mark Baber and Dane Sharp, are both unavailable, giving Wayne Todd the chance to

finish the season on a high note. The teams should be.—

CARDIFF: Robert Sheehan, Mark Maher, Andy Stankovic, Richard Endacott, Mick Lee, Gerard Maher, Brett Fawkes, Tony Robb, Wayne Todd, Andy Tate, Dale Rowney. Subs: Chris Miner, Garry Smith, Dale Turner, Brad Robb.

WEST WALLSEND: Craig Grills, Phillip Dewhurst, Mark Twohill, Glen Wand, David Wilson/Malcolm Strickland, Robbie Green, Les True, Warren Shipley, Tony Foot, Alf Stamp, Brett Porter/Kelth Harris. Subs: Phil Williams, Troy Donoghue, Porter/Harris.

Matches against Weston are a tough proposition at any time in the season but in semi-finals they are exceptionally so.

Those are the thoughts of Adamstown coach Peter Fairleigh, who sets out today at Johnston Park, West Wallsend, in a bid to give the Rosebud club its first title since 1976 when it nudged Weston out of the minor-major premiership double.

Fairleigh said this week that the semi-final would probably be the team's biggest hurdle since both competition games against Weston, which Adamstown won, had been dour affairs.

The return of two of the smaller brigade, however, could be Adamstown's biggest advantage today.

Midfielder Phil Ridley and goalkeeper Steve Dorman are both back from injury, Ridley from a back complaint he suffered in the final match of the season against West Wallsend.

WESTON: Clint Jenkins, Russell Mansley, John T. Turnbull, Ian Bannon, Peter Killen, Dennis Kling, Rodney Oliver, Dave Miller, Dominic Marrone, Graham Taylor, Mark Fullick. Subs: Russell Calderwood, Ian Bailyntyne, Darren Allen, Peter Terry, Peter Oberhauser.

ADAMSTOWN: Steve Dorman, Reg Chilby, Tony de Groot, Paul Smith, George Ratty, Carl Lochrin, Phil Ridley, Warren Davies, Steve Riddell, Ross Wells, Scott Dorman. Subs: Bruce Terry, Glen Chapman, Andrew Taylor.



1984 GRAND FINAL WINNERS

Back Row: K Kaiser (Coach), T O'Donoghue, K Harris, B Porter, P Williams, C Grills, A Stamp, D Wilson, G Wand, S Wilson

Middle Row: R Sneddon (Masseur), J Lewis (Gear Steward), P Dewhurst, W Shipley, M Twohill (Capt.), L True, D Parks (Mgr.), E Duck (Club Sec.)

Front Row: M Strickland, R Green, M Devon, T Foot

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SEASON 1985

Was a history making season for after finishing in the top four Westy went on to win the Minor Semi-final, the Final and Grandfinal.

By winning the Grandfinal it was an achievement that had not occurred since 1922 although they had appeared in several Finals without success in those 63 years.

In the Semi-final they defeated Cardiff 3 - 1 - scorers - Ken Sidebottom, Wayne Webb, Brett Porter.

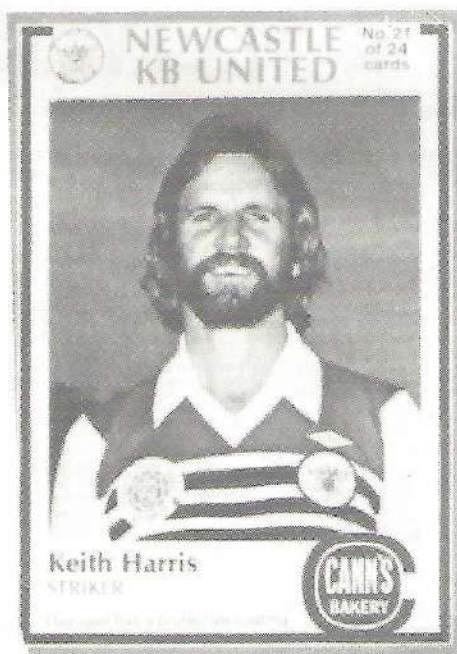
In the Final they won 1 - 0 against Adamstown - scorer - Ken Sidebottom.

In the Grandfinal they defeated Belmont Swansea 2 - 1 - scorers - Ken Sidebottom and Brett Baldwin.

Grandfinal team - C Grills, D Fenwick, W Shipley, M Twohill, D Wilson, R Green, K Sidebottom, P Gillogley, W Webb, B Porter, S Wilson, J Bullock, B Baldwin.

Players - C Grills, W Rixon, D Wilson, M Twohill, K Sidebottom, P Gillogley, R Green, B Baldwin, B Porter, G Cameron, W Shipley, J Nadfalusi, T Donaghue, T Wilkins, D Fenwick, T Smyth, W Webb, G Storey, P Field, J Bullock, S Wilson, P Williams.

Goal scorers - B Baldwin - 6, R Green - 6, B Porter - 3, W Shipley - 3, D Fenwick - 3, W Webb - 4, T Smyth - 1, G Cameron - 2, D Wilson - 1, P Gillogley - 1, G Storey - 2.



Back Row L to R : J.Bullock, P.Williams, G.Cameron, D.Wilson, B.Porter, C.Gillis, W.Shipley, K.Sidebottom, B.Baldwin.
Front Row L to R : W.Webb, S.Wilson, M.Twohill (C), R.Green, D.Fenwick, T.Donaghue, P.Gilligly.

1985 GRAND FINAL WINNERS



SEASON 1986

By winning the Premiership it made for a successful season. However the Semi-final and Grandfinal did not turn out that way.

Belmont Swansea defeated them 2 - 1 in the Major Semi-final - scorer - D Fenwick.

They went on to defeat Lake Macquarie 4 - 2 in the Final - scorers - W Shipley, W Webb and D Fenwick (2). Richard Endicott was sent off for fighting so the victory was achieved with 10 men.

Richard thus missed the Grandfinal. In the Grandfinal against Belmont Swansea at the end of the 90 minutes the score was nil all. Overtime was played but once again no scores thus a penalty shootout in which Belmont Swansea won 4 - 2. Not a very satisfactory way to lose a Grandfinal but that is the rule, be it good or bad.

Westy seals soccer premiership

By ALLYN HAMONET,
Soccer Writer

YOU might not have heard last night, even though the victory chorus at Adamstown Oval was loud enough to carry all the way to the district in which the Tooheys Northern NSW Soccer Federation first division premiership will reside for the next 12 months.

So here it is officially: West Wallsend has won the title.

Westy sealed the premiership, its first since the formation of the NNSWSF in 1956, with a 2-1 win over a gallant Adamstown Rosebud side in last night's deferred fixture.

While the competition's grand final is still a month away, West Wallsend had a full dress rehearsal last night in claiming the trophy.

Despite advice both before the match and during the halftime break, the Westy players were always conscious of the scoreline and the price that would be paid for just one mistake, and as a result found themselves under pressure for a greater part of the night.

The anxiety was eased somewhat by two first-half goals, coming from midfielder Darrell Fenwick in the 32nd minute and from striker Glenn Cameron in the 43rd.

That advantage proved crucial since Adamstown scored its first

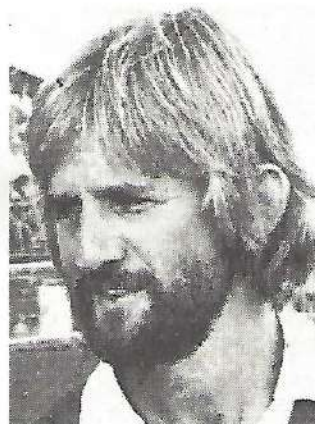


John McQuarrie

through the irrepressible John McQuarrie in the 51st minute and continued to harry the Westy defence, right up to the third minute of time added on for injury when a cross from defender George Rafty all but floated past the diving Craig Grills in Westy's goal.

He managed to tip the ball around the post to preserve Westy's lead, and a win that gave him his first premiership in nine years with the Bluebells.

That and other crises averted, the greatest of them a missed half volley from only two metres in the 29th minute from Adamstown's



Keith Harris

Ken Rutledge, West Wallsend finished with the result that bridged the one point leeway which stood between the team and the competition leader, defending premier Belmont Swansea, before the game.

What added volume to the West Wallsend victory song, and a number of its re-runs, was the voice of coach Keith Harris.

'It's the first time I've sung it this year,' he said, 'but there'll never be a better time.'

Harris paid tribute to a season's commitment from his players and could not speak too highly of Cameron, who finished the night

with a goal and a cut to his forehead.

The blond-headed striker lost his starting place during the first round and was relegated to reserves.

Had he stayed there he might have picked up his premiership winner's medal almost two hours earlier, when Westy's reserves won their match against Adamstown 4-1 in another title decider.

But he took his chance in the top grade earlier this month and came through with aplomb last night.

For Adamstown, the night ended all chance of the team figuring in the semi-finals of the competition and threw in a touch of déjà vu for those players who had worn the club's colours last season.

The loss ends all chances of Adamstown pegging back the four-point difference between itself and fourth placed Austral United, even though the Rosebud team has a game to play against Cardiff on Saturday.

It was West Wallsend that knocked Adamstown out of last year's competition as well with a victory in the preliminary final.

But Adamstown coach Les Bee could have no complaints with the majority of his side, in particular McQuarrie, who was a source of inspiration with his non-stop running and determination.

Westy claims grand final berth

By Allyn Hamonet
SOCCER WRITER



WEST Wallsend, playing for all but nine minutes of the second half with 10 men, qualified yesterday for the 1986 Tooheys Northern NSW Soccer Federation first division grand final with a 4-2 preliminary final win over Lake Macquarie at Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens.

The result gives the Westy players another crack at archrival Belmont Swans in next Sunday's decider at Macquarie Field, Speers Point, a replay of the 1985 epic won in extra time by Westy.

Just how dearly the Westy players wanted the opportunity to meet the Belswans in the final match of the season became evident in the second half of yesterday's match when they scored twice to wrap up the result while defender Richard Endacott was watching from the sidelines.

Mistake by keeper

Endacott was sent off by referee Mr Jim Reeves after an altercation in the 54th minute with Lake striker David Wilson.

The loss of a player at such a vital stage, with scores locked at 2-2, was expected to give Lake Macquarie the 'leg up' to a grand final appearance.

But a lamentable mistake from Lake keeper Warwick Scott in the 57th minute allowed Westy to take a grip on the game at 3-2 and then seal the issue 10 minutes later with the fourth.

Westy coach Keith Harris remarked later that the chance to 'get

another crack' at the Belswans, who beat Westy 2-1 in last week's major semi-final, had helped the team power through its second-half setback.

'They wanted to get to the grand final at any cost,' Harris said. 'That, and the fact that teams which win the premiership always seem to fall by the wayside in the semi-finals, were the biggest incentives today.'

Lake Macquarie's claim to a berth next weekend looked almost iron-clad in the first 30 minutes, during which the makeshift forward line played havoc with the Westy defence.

Without its two leading strikers, Kerry Caban and Scott Haynes (both suspended), Lake coach Ray Lloyd threw shirts to David Wilson and Grant Storey.

Both players, plus midfielder Steve Bajzath, were prominent in an opening surge that put a goal on the board after just 12 minutes and which repeatedly had the Westy defence scrambling the ball to safety.

It was Storey, smarting just a little over his role as a 'stopgap', who got the faintest of touches to a free kick on the night by Bajzath to put the Lake 1-0 up.

He and Wilson thrived on the challenge, posing continual problems to the Westy back four with determined running that could easily have produced another goal or two.

But it was Westy midfielder Darrell Fenwick, 'given heaps' about his performance in last week's semi-final, who righted the premier's listing fortunes with an equaliser in the 34th minute.

'We knew that we could win it if we went in at half-time with the scores level,' Fenwick said later.

It seemed to have worked perfectly only 30 seconds after the restart when Westy striker Glenn Cameron ran on to a huge clearance from keeper Craig Grills, only to see his shot saved by the advancing Scott.

Macquarie comeback

But the danger for Lake Macquarie did not end there. Mr Reeves awarded a free kick just outside the area for dissent.

It gave left back Warren Shipley the chance to curl a shot around the defensive wall and past Scott's diving frame.

Still the Lake players came back, equalising 60 seconds later when midfielder John Georgoff won a penalty which Bajzath calmly slotted home.

That goal, coupled with Endacott's dismissal shortly after, seemed to have tipped the match fortunes back to the Lake team before another free kick, given at the halfway to Westy, virtually ended the fight.

It was taken by Fenwick, who hit a long, speculative ball with the driving wind into the Lake's penalty area. Defender Ralph Dixon shaped to head it clear but left the ball alone when he heard Scott's call. He turned to see the ball bounce over his keeper.

The result was put beyond doubt when Westy got its fourth, via a deflection by Lake defender Gus Hades from a near-post cross driven in by Westy winger Wayne Webb.

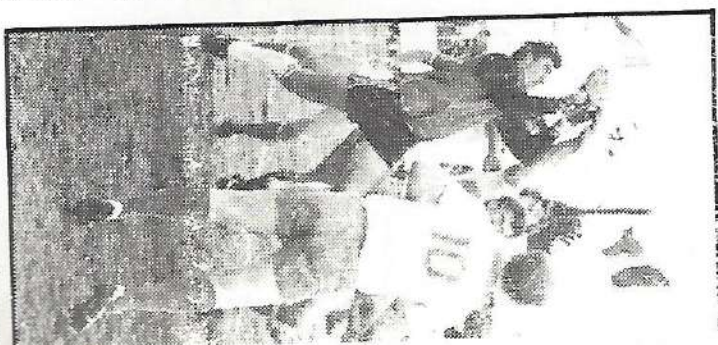
While Westy celebrated a hard-fought win, there was still plenty to feast in the Lake camp.

'I thought if Kerry and Scotty had been in it would have been over in the first half,' Lloyd said later. 'But the lads did tremendously well.'

The fight in the Lake camp, however, was best summed up by Bajzath, who finished his 1986 season with a parting shot at the critics who had written off Lake Macquarie early in the season.

'Not bad for a team of no-hopers,' he said.

Rosebud finals bid ends, Page 6



West Wallsend goalkeeper Craig Grills flies high to halt a Lake Macquarie attack at Austral Park yesterday.



● Warren Shipley — one of West Wallsend's big hopes with a reputation for fearlessness.

Belswans all out to get square

BELMONT Swansea will seek vengeance on West Wallsend in the Newcastle Soccer semi-final today for "pinching" the minor premiership.

The teams will clash in the major semi-final of the Federation first division competition at Adamstown Oval.

Belmont Swansea led the competition for most of the season, but caved in to allow West Wallsend the title in the last round.

The teams will start level on goal counts.

In the first Belmont Swansea won 1-0, but Westy won the second clash 1-0.

So the game could be decided on matters of the mind — Westy having the better record late in the season opposed to the Belswans' quest for revenge over the minor premiership.

The match will be

tough and could be one of the best in years.

Certainly there are a number of talented young players in both teams.

Most have had a fair deal of experience.

Westy sweeper Brett Cowburn has played National League and the Belswans' back Neville Power would probably still be playing with the Newcastle Rosebuds had he not chosen to return to Federation football.

Warren Shipley will be one of West Wallsend's big hopes.

Shipley's ruggedness has earned him a reputation for fearlessness and the Belswans will pay heavily if they give him any scope.

Goalkeeper Craig Grills has been one of the big strengths of Westy in their march to the minor premiership. John Bullcock and Richard Endacott back him up well.

Centre-back David Wilson's distribution of the ball has been faultless in recent weeks and Darrell Fenwick, Scott Wilson, Glen Cameron and Brett Baldwin have all been in fine touch.

Baldwin has a fractured foot and coach Keith Harris will make a choice between Wayne Webb and Brett Porter to fill the vacant spot.

The Belswans will rely heavily on the smart goal-mouth work of Peter Winsor and Graham Hill.

Winsor has a touch of the unorthodox in his play which could be a problem for Westy.



● Keith Harris, left, with Brett Porter, Glen Cameron and Robbie Green.



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Belswans goalkeeper Dave Connor hurls himself in an attempt to parry a shot in yesterday's grand final shoot-out with West Wallsend at Macquarie Field.

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Official brands midweek soccer decider 'unfair'

By ALLYN HAMONET,
Soccer Writer

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation has come under fire for its decision to schedule the Tooheys first division match between West Wallsend and Adamstown Rosebud, a premiership decider, as a midweek night fixture.

Westy and Adamstown will play their deferred first-round fixture tonight in first and reserve grades. The Westy under-18s, who needed a win or a draw to secure their premiership, played last night.

If West Wallsend wins tonight's matches it will claim those respective premierships but that may not entirely console Westy's officials, who assert that the game should have been played at the weekend as a finale to the 1986 premiership rounds.

Westy secretary Errol Duck this week described the decision as 'unfair' to his players and supporters, and questioned the NNSWSF's move to play the game as a midweek fixture.

The NNSWSF has two deferred matches remaining in its first division program. Both involve Adamstown.



Dave Williams ... defended match scheduling.

One is the West Wallsend game and the other is the Adamstown-Cardiff match at Lymington Park, Cardiff, which was postponed two weeks ago because of wet weather.

The Adamstown versus Cardiff game will be played on Saturday at Cardiff's home ground, Lymington Park, as the final game of the premiership rounds.

The result is still vital to issues within the premiership. Cardiff needs at least a point to avoid relegation while Adamstown, if it does no worse than draw tonight, could

snatch a semi-final berth with a win.

But the West Wallsend-Adamstown fixture has attracted the greater interest from the competition's followers.

'If this is promoting soccer in the North, then the logic is beyond me,' Mr Duck said.

'It would have been the biggest gate for 10 years if they'd played it at the weekend with no other games in opposition. Anybody interested in soccer would have been there because all three grades are playing for premierships,' Mr Duck said.

'Instead, the club's been split by having to play the games over two nights (time prevented all three grades, being played on the one night).'

The subject had also been mentioned by Adamstown officials, some of whom thought the first grade game would have been an ideal curtain-raiser to Saturday night's National Soccer League match between Newcastle Rosebud United and Blacktown at Adamstown Oval.

NNSWSF president Dave Williams defended the decision yesterday.

'The decision was made by the board on the recommendation of

the fixtures officer,' Mr Williams said.

'West Wallsend and Adamstown had the opportunity to play the match soon after the original fixture was cancelled (on May 3) but they couldn't agree on a date.'

'Under the (NNSWSF) regulations the board then has the right to decide when it will be played.'

Asked whether the match might not have been better as a weekend game, Mr Williams said he thought the match was 'still an attractive fixture'.

Before this backdrop, the West Wallsend players have been unruffled about facing the only hurdle that remains in their campaign to lift the premiership, a plan that began after last season's grand final win.

Westy coach Keith Harris said his players had concentrated solely on winning a game that promised to be one of the toughest this season.

'We'll play them at three o'clock in the morning if we have to,' Harris said, 'but it's not something the players have dwelt on. If we're going to win the premiership, we've got to earn it; all we're worried about is winning the game.'

Reserves kick off at 6 o'clock tonight and firsts at 7.45.

Harris on a mission

FOR West Wallsend Soccer coach Keith Harris, his association with the club has been a strange mix of good and bad.

In his first season in 1984, Westy lost the minor premiership on goal averages then lost the grand final on a goal shoot-out.

Last year they had better luck. They finished third on the points table, but battled on to win the grand final.

This year they have won the minor title and Harris is certain they will give the major title a big shake.

well before the turn of the century.

For the Bluebells — as Westy are known — minor titles have been few and far between.

This year's win was their first since 1926, but they shared the honour with Wallsend in 1963 and were runners-up in 1946.

Harris is in his second year as coach.

He learned his Soccer in the Toronto district and decided to seek a coaching certificate under the tutelage of Alan Vest.

Vest, Newcastle KB's National League coach at the time invited

From that squad players of the calibre of David Lowe, Simon Brandt, Mike Drysdale, Howard Tredinnick and Darren Stewart emerged.

When KB folded Ken Kaiser, who had taken over by then from Vest, moved to West Wallsend and Harris went with him.

Harris played in the team in 1984, then took over as coach following Kaiser's appointment as Northern Districts director of coaching.

He admits to liking a contest. 'That is what makes playing

Team for Grandfinal - C Grills, J Bullock, W Shipley, M Twohill, D Wilson, B Cowburn, W Webb, S Wilson, R Green, G Cameron, D Fenwick, T Bremner, B Porter.

Players - C Grills, J Bullock, W Shipley, M Twohill, D Wilson, R Endicott, B Cowburn, G Cameron, B Porter, W Webb, W Robb, M Devon, B Baldwin, D Sidebottom, S Wilson, T Bremner, D Allan, D Moore, D Fenwick, R Green, B Ryan.

Scorers - W Shipley - 6, D Wilson - 6, D Fenwick - 4, B Baldwin - 3, G Cameron - 2, B Porter - 1, D Sidebottom - 1, S Wilson - 1, R Green - 1, W Webb - 1, J Bullock - 1, B Cowburn - 1.

SEASON 1987

Saw the team finish in 5th place thus failing to qualify which was disappointing.

The Reserve Grade had a very successful season winning the Premiership as well as the Grandfinal.

Players - R Kaiser, T Bremner, W Shipley, R Endicott, D Wilson, P Gillogley, M Devon, B Ryan, M Beagan, S Duck, P Field, K Webber, J Bullock, D Allan, M Ansell, P Coutts, S Green, D Moore.

Scorers - B Porter - 8, D Wilson - 3, T Bremner - 3, M Ansell - 2, W Shipley - 2, R Green - 3, B Ryan - 1, M Devon - 1.

SEASON 1988

Could be described as a mixed season of success and disappointment. After leading for most of the year they collapsed near the end to lose the premiership by one point to Adamstown.

Adamstown defeated them 2 - 0 in the Major Semifinal but Westy defeated Hamilton Azzurri 4 - 1 in the Final. This gave them their Grandfinal appearance in which they defeated Adamstown 2 - 1 - thus ending a successful season.

Team for Grandfinal - J Russell, R Endicott, S Wilson, M Ansell, P Waddingham, P Gillogley, T Bremner, G Cameron, B Ryan, M Dempsey, R Green, B Baldwin. Scorers - G Cameron - 1, B Baldwin - 1.

Main Players - J Russell, P Atkinson, W Shipley, M Ansell, R Endicott, P Waddingham, T Bremner, P Gillogley, G Cameron, B Ryan, D Allen, A Morris, S Wilson, R Green, J Bullock, S Sneddon.

Scorers - B Ryan - 10, G Cameron - 4, P Waddingham - 4, R Endicott - 3, T Bremner - 3, D Allen - 2, M Dempsey - 2, P Gillogley - 1.

Paul Waddingham and Paul Gillogley were selected for Northern NSW who played a 2 all draw with Tasmania at Macquarie Field.

West Wallsend was the Club Champion for 1988 which covers the 3 grades. Well done once again, a proven honour for the Club.



West Wallsend skipper Richard Endacott, left, takes on Adamstown striker David Bock in Saturday's grand final.

Goalie spurs soccer victory

By ROBERT DILLON

AUSTRALIAN junior representative John Russell proved the inspiration behind West Wallsend's 2-1 win over Adamstown Rosebuds in Saturday's Northern NSW Soccer Federation first division grand final at Macquarie Field.

The 17-year-old goalkeeper, born and bred in the heart of Westy territory, saved at least three probable goals to thwart Adamstown's bid for a grand final win to complement their premiership.

Westy coach Trevor Smyth heaped praise on the youngster and declared he had the ability to rise to the top of Australian soccer if he dedicates himself.

'John had an outstanding game, he's been our unsung hero all year,' Smyth said. 'He's only 17 but he showed his maturity out there tonight. Two of the saves he pulled off tonight were sensational.'

'He's got the credentials to be the Australian 'keeper if he wants to. Tonight should help him on his way.'

Russell compared the win to his successful World Youth Cup tour with the 'Joeys' last year.

'I've played for Australia against Brazil and beaten them and this comes very close to that,' he said. 'You play all season to achieve a win in the grand final. It's unbelievable, a real thrill.'

Russell's near faultless display at the back must have broken the heart of Adamstown coach Neville Power and his team.

Rosebuds have won the past two premierships but each time have been unable to put the icing on their cake in the grand final. Last season Austral United came back from a 0-2 half-time deficit to win 3-2 and on Saturday night it was Westy, which Adamstown had beaten three times during the season, that prevented a premiership double for Rosebuds.

Power admitted the lack of success in grand finals was frustrating but was pleased with his team's effort on Saturday.

'I was a bit disappointed for the players, I thought they did enough to win it,' he said.

'Grand finals are a one-off thing and rely very much on luck and the bounce of the ball.'

'We had a couple of chances to hit the lead but John Russell made a couple of good saves that proved costly for us.'

Westy took a 1-0 lead in the 40th minute after striker Glen Cameron goaled, capitalising on smart lead-up work from midfielder Paul Waddingham and defender Scott Wilson.

Rosebuds had the chance to level proceedings nine minutes after half-time but a spectacular, diving save by Russell prevented the goal.

Four minutes later, however, Rosebuds' experienced captain John McQuarrie put a blot on Russell's copybook when he pushed a ball past him for the equaliser.

In the 63rd minute a Brett Baldwin header took Westy to a 2-1 lead, and that scoreline, despite a few close shaves, remained intact until full-time.

Westy scoop the pool as three grades set to face final hurdle

WEST Wallsend secured berths for all three grades in next weekend's Northern NSW Soccer Federation grand finals when the first division side defeated Highfields Azzurri at Weston yesterday.

In an often scrappy game on a dusty pitch, Westy capitalised on uncharacteristic errors from Azzurri to win by 4-1, and will go on to face semi-final nemesis Adamstown Rosebuds.

In fact, it was last weekend's 2-0 loss to Rosebuds that inspired West Wallsend's form reversal yesterday, according to coach Trevor Smyth.

'The players knew they let themselves, the fans and the club down last week and they had something to prove,' Smyth said in an elated dressing room.

'We worked on a few problem areas at training, and today they realised they could do it.'

'We controlled the game and in the end Azzurri had no answer — the scoreline could've been eight or nine to one.'

'The win will do our confidence a world of good going into the grand final.'

The West Wallsend players came out firing, pressuring the Azzurri youngsters into mistakes and gaining a telling territorial advantage.

In the 19th minute Westy striker Bernard Ryan slotted a simple goal past Highfield's reserve goalkeeper Fred d'Accione after a good attacking build-up.

But Highfields Joe Senkalski equalised seven minutes later: after taking a corner kick, the experienced player/coach received the

ball from a clearing header and neatly threaded it through the defence.

'I thought we could win after getting the equaliser because we always play well in the second half, but it didn't turn out that way,' Senkalski said later.

'We just couldn't cope on the day. We have a bunch of 20-year-olds and it was the first time they've been this high up, while Westy has been the team of the 80s.'

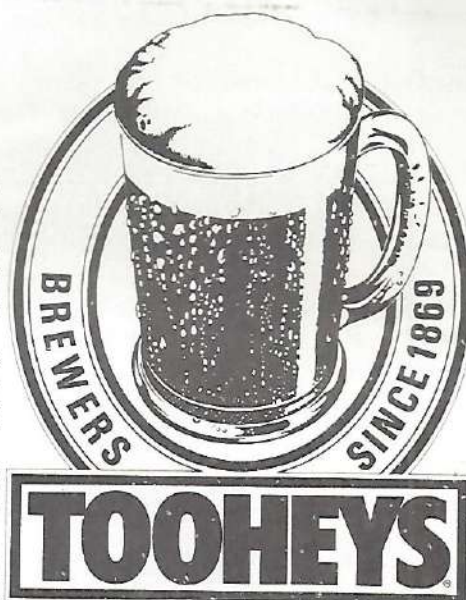
'We made errors that we haven't been doing in the past and that was the difference; they (West Wallsend) didn't score a good goal.'

West Wallsend's Glenn Cameron would probably beg to differ with Senkalski. He scored a good, opportunist goal in the 40th minute, when a header from only two metres out by left winger Michael Dempsey bounced up to the crossbar and the diving midfielder nodded in the rebound.

Highfields' keeper was in the wars again shortly after halftime, spilling an awkward backpass on to the feet of Ryan who made no mistake, and Dempsey made amends for his earlier miss when, in the 72nd minute, his deflected shot rolled past the scrambling d'Accione to take the score to 4-1.

Azzurri, winner of its past five games, finally began to string some attacking movements together, their most promising effort unfortunately striking the post. But it came too late.

In earlier matches yesterday West Wallsend's under-18 side defeated Belmont Swansea 3-2, and Lake Macquarie beat Weston 2-0 in the reserve grade clash to meet Westy in the grand final.



SEASON 1989

This could be linked with Season 1988 for once again Westy led for most of the season to see Adamstown taking the premiership at the latter end.

Playing Adamstown in the Major Semifinal they were defeated 5 - 1. This meant Westy had to play Weston in the Final. Weston was successful 2 - 1.

Team in Final - J Russell, S Wilson, D Wilson, P Field, M Ansell, P Waddingham, C Turner, S Halpin, B Mabbott, P Coutts, G Cameron, B Baldwin, T Bremner, D Allan. Scorer - T Bremner.

Main Players - J Russell, S Wilson, P Coutts, M Beagan, P Waddingham, C Turner, M Ansell, T Bremner, G Cameron, B Baldwin, M Dempsey, D Allan, D Wilson, G Kaiser, S Halpin, B Mabbott, P Atkinson, P Field, G Kramer.

Scorers - P Waddingham - 7, B Baldwin - 5, G Cameron - 3, M Beagan - 3, M Dempsey - 2, T Bremner - 2, C Turner - 2, M Ansell - 1, D Wilson - 1, B Mabbott - 1, D Allan - 1.

M Ansell and P Waddingham were selected to represent Northern NSW to tour the Solomon Islands.

SEASON 1990

Was a very mixed season with success and failure. First the Club won the pre-season competition at Weston. They then led the competition for most of the season and finally finished second to Adamstown. This was the case in the last four years out of five.

Westy lost 3 - 0 against Adamstown in the semifinal and 2 - 0 against Weston in the final.

The Reserve Grade and Under 19s made the grandfinals but both were defeated.

But once again Westy won the Club Championship. What a great performance in winning 4 Club Championships in the past six years and being defeated on averages in 1989.

It does show the strength and cooperation of everybody connected with the Club from officials, players, and supporters to achieve this result.

Players - J Russell, P Atkinson, M Ansell, D Wilson, S Wilson, P Waddingham, B Baldwin, D Allan, T Bremner, G Cameron, B Ryan, P Coutts, M Vas, C Turner, B Mabbott, G Kramer, W Shipley.

Scorers - B Ryan, D Wilson, P Waddingham, T Bremner, D Allan, B Baldwin.

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